

# In this booke

is contained the office of Shiriffes,  
Bayliffes of liberties, Escheatours,  
Constables, and Coroners, and  
sheweth what euery one  
of the may do by vertue  
of theyr offices, drawen out  
of bookes of the com-  
mon lawe and of  
the Statu-  
tes

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## The office of Shyrriffes 2



That þe offyce of a Shyrriffe is, hereafter shall more plainly appere but in a generally of his of fyces rightuouſly and duely to retourne all wyttes and preceptes to hym dyrected, and truely to execute the ſame accordyng as he ſhalbe commaunded in þe ſame wyttes and preceptes And that he take nothyng of any perſon for doyng his offyce, but the due and accuſtomed fees to hym belonging. And that he duely holde and keepe his countieſ courtes and tournes, accordyng to the due courſe of the law. Uppon theſe ther poites dependeth the hole charge & effecte of his offyce

The offyce of the Shyrriffe is to retourne good ſufficiente and reaſonable iſſues and vppon ſuch perſonſ as haue ſufficient goodes or landes accordyng to the ſtatute of weſtm. ii.

Al. ii.

Capi

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**Capitulo. xxxix. and Edwardi. iii. Capitulo quinto.**

The Shyriffe oughte too take the indytementes founde before hym in his tourne by indenture, and so shall Bailiffes of fraunchyses, one parte wher of shall remayne with the indytours, secundo Edwardi tercii Capitulo. xvi.

**The Shyriffe maye arrest men rydyng or goinge armed, and comit them to prison, ther to remaine at the kinges pleasur. ii. Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. v. at Northampton.**

**Shyriffes and vndershyriffs shal receiue wyttes in euery place within the county without takynge ought and shal make a byll whych if they refuse, other that be present shal put to theyr seales, and yf they retourne not the same wyttes, they shalbe punished and shal redre damages to the partye. ii. E. iii. Capi. v. at northamp.**

**Shi**

of Shyreffes

**S**hyrffes and Gaylours shall receyue theues, indyted or taken with the maner without taking ani thing for the receyt. iiii. Edward. iii. Cap. x.

**S**hyrffes shall lease their hundredes and wapentakes after the olde ferme & not aboue an. iii. Edward. iii. ca. viii. Cap. xxv. an an. Edward. iii. ca. viii. Shyffes oughte to arrest persons suspecte of felony going by night or by day whych be of euyl fame: anno xi. Edwardi. iii. Cap. xiiii.

The shyreffes in one countie shall haue no mo Bailiffes errant but on xiii. Edwardi. iii. Cap. ix.

Shyffes oughte to kepe theyr tournes euery yere within a moneth after Easter and withi a moneth after Myghelmas. xiii. Edwardi tercii Capit. xiiii.

Shyffes that leue issues fynes and amerciamentes in the countye ought to haue the excreates ensealed  
a. iii. wyth

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with the seale of the Eschequer so that  
as much as is payed may be torted,  
And if any shryffe or minyster do the  
contrary he shall render to the party  
treble damages, and shall make fine  
to the kinge, and the sute here of mai  
be aswel afore Justicers of the peace  
as before other Justicers. xliii. C.iii.

Capitulo nono,

**T**he Shiriffes shal arrayne the  
pannelles of Assyse foure daies before  
the sessions at the least vppon peyn  
of. xx. li. And Baylyffes of lyberties  
shal make retourne to the Shyriffes  
vi dayes before the sessions vppon  
the same peyne. xlii. Edwardi tertii.

Capitulo. xi.

**T**he sheryffe ought to examine loi  
terers and vagarantes and compell  
theym to find suretye of theyr good  
behauour by sufficient maynpris of  
such as be distreynable if any defaut  
be found in suche vagarantes, and

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if they can not find such suerty then  
to cōmaunde theim to the next gaile  
ther to remayne vntil the comming  
of the Justicers of gayle delyuerpe,  
they to do with such vagarantes as  
they shal thinke best. vii. Richarde se  
cundi, capitulo. vii.

**T**he shyriffe shal be bound foure  
times in the yere to make proclama  
cion of the estatute of Winchester in  
euery hundred of his Baylewike.

**T**he shyriffe ought to take swear  
des daggers, and hangers from ser  
uauntes labourers, and seruauntes  
of craftes menne and vittailers that  
weare thē onles it be in tyme of war  
oz when they labour in the cōūtre  
with their maisters oz vpon their bu  
sines. And the shyriffe shall kepe the  
same weapons which they shall pre  
sent vnto the Justicers of the peace  
at their Sessions with y names of  
them that bere them. xii. R. ii. capi. vi

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**T**Shyryffes ought to receiue labourers seruauntes, beggers, and vagaboundes, and them deteine in prison without Bayle or Maynpries, and without fee or takyng any thing at theyr entre or going out of prison vpon payn to forfait. C.li. to the kyng Anno.xi. Richardi.ii. Capit.ix.

**S**hyryffes and other ministers of the kinge so soone as they shall haue knowledg of assemblies and ryottes, with outrageousnombze of people ought with the power of the shire to go and make resistance against such malyce, with al their strength, & shal attache such misdoers & kepe them in prison vntyll the due punishment of the law be executed vpon theym And al maner of Lordes, and other the kynges true lyege men ought to be assysted with all theyr power and strenthe to ayde the Shyryffes and other ministers therein, xvii. Richardi secundi

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secundi.cap.biii.

**S**hiriffes ought to be personallpe dwellinge in their Baylewekes, for the time.and they shal not let them to ferme. An.iiii.hen.iiii. cap.v.

**S**hiriffes ought to se and prouyd that neyther their vndershiriffes, baylyffes, Clerkes nor Receyuours shall be attourneys in the kynges courtes for the tyme of theyr office. Primo henrici.v cap.quarto.

**S**hyriffesought to let to mainpris persons indited of heresye and lollar des which are in their keping wythin tenne dayes vnder good suertie so that they apper before the end of the sayd.x.dayes.an.ii.hen.v.cap.vii

**S**hyriffes shal cause the statute of purueiours to be proclaimed four times in the yere, vppon payne .C.li. for euery time that he faileth so to do And vppon like payne shall delyuer the same to his successoure to be proclaimed

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claymed, primo Henrici sexti capitulo secundo.

**E** Shyryffs must make due electiō of knightes of the parliament, ix. h. vi. capitulo quarto.

**E** Shiriffes, must retourn such persons knightes of the parliamēt whych be chosen by y greter nombze of the freholders dwelling in y couētye which may expend. xl. s. perely aboue all charges. And that those knights be dwelling within the same couētye And that he examie every freholder at suche elections vpon a boke how much he may expende. And if any shiriffe retourne other knightes he shal forfayt a. l. to the kinge and shall haue one yeris imprisonment wythout bayle or maynpris.

**S**hiriffes vpon a precept made vnto the by Justicers of y peace to inquire of forcible entre shal retourn vpo euey of the iurours. xx. sin fynes at the fyrst



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first day, And Justicers of the peace shall here & determine such defaults of shyreffes by byll at the sute of the parti or by inditemēt & they shal lese xx.li. for euery default, & he y will sue shal haue y one halfe. viii. s. vi. ca. ix.

To auoyde robberies & spoyles vpon the riuer of Seuerne & by the costes of forestes, of Dean and the hundredes of Blodeston, and Westburye in the countye of glocester the Shyreffes of glocester or the Bayliffes of the towne of glocester after notification made to any of them of suche liuries and damages, by the partie geued within foure dayes, after such notification made, shall make proclamacion to the towne of glocester, that such offendours within xv dayes after suche proclainacyon shal restore vnto the parties endomaged their goodes so taken, or the value with a reasonable amendes.

The

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The said Shyriffes Bayliffes to for  
fait xx.li. if they fayle so to do it hen.  
vi. Capi. xxviii.

**T**he Shyriffe of herforde neyther  
in his tourne nor in any other place  
after the tourne ended, shal take any  
inquire or enqueste of offyce whyche  
ought not to be taken ther. Neyther  
shal he take any fine or amerciainen  
for thinges not apperteyning to his  
office or tourne vpon paine to forfait  
x.li. Anno. ix. hen. vi. Capi. vii.

**S**hryffes ought to retourne in at  
tainter in ple of lād, men of the yerly  
value of. xl. s. or in an action for de-  
des concerning landes of suche va-  
lue, and in actions of the sūme of. xl.  
li. and more, those persons dwelling  
within theyr Bailewike which may  
expend. xx. li. yerely aboue al charges  
for terme of life at the lest out of aun-  
ciēt demesne. Gauekind & the. v. por-  
tes, and at the first distresse. xl. s. at y  
setonde

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seconde. C.s. and the double value of  
euery other distresse agaynst the Ju  
rours, vpon pain of x.li. to the king  
and as much to the partie. And if ther  
be not sufficient persons dwellinge  
within the countie which may expē  
de. x.li. yerely then shall they inpanell  
other persons of the moste sufficient  
possession of yearely value of landes  
and tenementes within the value of  
xx.li. vppon peyne to forfeyte. xli. to y  
king & the parti as much in the forme  
afore saide. xv. h. vi. Capi.

The Shyriffe or vnder shyriffe of  
Berforde must arrest such persons of  
Wales or the marches therof which  
bee oute lawed of treason or felonye  
whome the said Shyriffe knoweth  
or seyth to be in any place within the  
sayd countye, and to brynge theim to  
the Gaile. And if any suche persone  
beyng indyted do dysobey or fflye a-  
waie, the sayd Shyryffe shall leuey  
hue

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hue & cry and pursue him vpon payn  
to make fine and ransom to the king  
xxiii. henri. vi. capitulo. i.

**T**he Shiriffe shal not occupy his  
offyce aboue on yere & if he so do thā  
to forsaite. xx. li. and euery pardon for  
such offences shalbe boyde any wor-  
des put in such letters patentes not  
withstanding, Also he that presūeth  
to occupie the same offyce aboue one  
yere by force of such letters patentes  
shalbe disable to be shryffe in any o-  
ther shyre afterward. 23. H. vi. ca viii

**N**o shryffe shal lette to ferme his  
countie nor any of his Baillewekes  
hundredes or wapentakes,

**N**o shiriffe, Bayleliffes of fraun-  
chise, ne other officer shal retourn in  
any panel any of his Bayliffes offy-  
cers or their seruantes.

**N**o shiriffe nor any other to anye  
vse shal take ought of any person to  
be arrested, or attached nor to suc-  
cesse

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cesse of any arrest or attachement to be made by the bodye Nor shal take ought of anie person arrested or attached for fyne fee fute of prison maynt pris lettynge to bayle or for shewyng any fauour or ease to any persone beyng so arrested excepte it be as her e foloweth, þ is to wyte to the shiriffe xx.D. to the Baylyffe that made þ arrest. iiii.D. and to the gailoure if þ prisoner be committed towarde. iiii.D.

¶ The shiriffe hym selfe nez any to hys vse shal not take any thyng for the makynge of any retourne or pannel but for the coppye of the Pannel iiii.D. howe be it they vse to take. ii. s. for the retourn of a Panel, but that semeth to be extorcion.

¶ Shyreffs ought to let out of prisonne al prisoners beyng in theyr werde by force of any writte Byl or warraunte in anye actyon personall or indytemente of trespase vppon a reasona

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reasonable surete beyng sufficient in the counti to kepe their dayes in the places as the sayde bylles wyrttes or warrantes require, except such as be condemned outlawed or excommunicate or for suretie of the peace or by the commaundement of ani Justicer and vagabonndes whych refuse to serue.

Also Shyriffesought not to take any obligacions for ani thing aboue mencióned, or by colour of their office but onely to theym selves nor of any persone being in their ward but by the name of their office as by þ name of Shiriffes in the oblygacion, vpon condicion þ the parties shall appere at the daies conteyned in the wyrtts in such places as the billes wyrttes, or warrantes require. And if ani obligation be taken of any persō by colour of their office in any other forme it shalbe voyde.

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**C** Shyryffes shall not take for any obligacion warrant or precept by the to be made any more than.iiii.d.

**C** Shyryffes must make their deputies perelue in the kynges courtes, that is to wyt, in the chauncerye, the benche and the Eschequer of recorde, before they retourne any wyttte.

**C** Shyryffes that do contrary to this ordinaunce in any poynt shall lese to the partye greued treble damages, & shall for fayte. xl. li. for every time then they shall so offende, the one halfe to the king, the other to him that wyll sue. xxiij. Henrici. vii. Capitulo. x.

**C** Shyryffes when wytttes be directed vnto them to leuy the expences of knightes of the parliamente must make proclamation at the next countye, after the delyueraunce of the same wyttys, that the coroners Costables & bailliffes of hundredes shal be ther to

B. i.

assyle

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assise their wages, bpon peyne of .xl.s  
what tyme they hal assesse euery hund-  
red at a certaine sūme by it selfe, & af-  
ter theyshal assesse euery Villag with  
in the same hundred at a certayn sum-  
me by it selfe, And if they be other-  
wyle assessed, for euery defaute they  
shall forfait .xx.li. The one halfe wher-  
of shalbe to the partye that wyl sue,  
And the shryffe shall leuye the same  
duely, and shall pay it to the knightes  
of the parliment bpon peyne of .xx.li.  
And the partye that wyl sue shall ha-  
ue his accion by *Scire facias*, and  
shall haue .x.li. aboue the .xx.li. wyth  
treble Damages. xlii. *Henrici sexti.*  
*Capitulo vice simo secundo.*

¶ The shryffe after the delyuerye of  
any wytte to make electyon for the  
knightes of the parliament must ma-  
ke a sufficient precepte vnder hys  
seale to euery Mayre and Ballyffe  
of Cyties and Boroughez, with  
the



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the countye, theym commaundynge to electe Citezens, & Burgeses to come vnto the parliamente, And the sayde Mayre and Bayliffe shall truely retourne the same precept to the Shyriffe by endenture betwene them for election and names of theym that are to chosen, And the Shyriffe is bound to make a good and true retourne of euery such writ, and of euery retourne made to hym by the Mayre and Bayliffes. And for euery tyme that the Shyriffe shall do contrarie to thys or any other estatutte made for the election of Shyriffes to come vnto the parliament he shal incur the payne of one C.li to the kyng, and a yere imprisonment without bayle. And more ouer shall paye vnto the person so beynge chosen, knyghte, Citezen, or Burges and not duelye retourne, or to any other persone, whiche in defaulte of suche knyghte, Burgesse

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or citezin wyll sue therefore, one hundred pound to be recovered by action of Dette.

**E** And the shryffe oughte to make suche elctions in the ful countye betwene the houres of . viii. and . ix. before none, and to make a good and true retourne of suche elections vpon peyne to forsaite an. C. li. to the kynge and as much to the partye that wyll sue therefore agaynste the shryffes, theyr executors, or administrators. xxiiii. Henrici. vii. Capitulo. xv.

**E** Shryffes in their turnes oughte to inquire, heare or determine, if any minister, of the wardon of the courte in the marches of Scotlande, or if anye other arreste any parson by his bodys, or attache hym by hys goodes out of the countyes of Northumberland, & Cumberlāde & westmerland & the towne of Newcastle to answer in any of the sayd courtes: or els by colour

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loue or cause of any processe in y<sup>e</sup> said  
courte: for in suche arrestes it shalbe  
lawful for euery mā to make resistēce  
And the partie greued shall haue an  
accion of false imprisonment or tres-  
pas, and shal recouer treble damages  
therfore, and the defendauit shall haue  
twoe yeres imprisonmente, and the  
shyppes shall haue power to procede  
theruppon, as well as vpon a present  
ment made in his tourne. xx. i. Hencici  
bi. Capitulo secundo.

**W**her as some men by dyssimula-  
cion and other meanes fayne them  
selues to be louers to women vnma-  
ried, as Maydens or wydowes ha-  
uynge great possession and substance  
of goodes, & get such womē in to their  
possession, & conuey thē into such pla-  
ces, from whence they wyl not suffre  
them to go at their lybertye, excepte  
they wyl make to them oblygacyons  
of grace summes to be payede vnto

B.iii.

them

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thein or cause thein to be bonhden in  
estatute Marchaunte, or some tyme  
wyl compell thein to be maryed at  
theyr pleasur which if they refuse to  
leue vppon thein the summes con-  
teyned in the same obligations, and  
statutes it is ordeyned that the party  
griued shall haue a wrytte out of the  
Chaucery comprising the hole mat-  
ter of their vnrasonable intreatinge  
Directed to the shriffe, commaunding  
him to make proclamaciō at the next  
countie after the receyte of the wrytte  
that the offendour shall appeare at a  
certeyne daye and place prefixed, in  
the wrytte before the Chauncelloure  
or the Iudicers of assise of the hyre,  
where suche offences shall haue to be  
done or before some other person as-  
signed by the Chauncellour. And  
the shriffe, to whome suche a wrytte  
shall be directed, and shall execute the  
same accordyng to the tenoure therof  
vppon

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Upon peine of. CCC. li. the one halfe  
to the kyng the other to him that wil  
sue therfore by wytte of dette, wher  
in no wager of lawe protection nor  
fozpn (to cause the matter to be tried  
in another countie then wher y writ  
is brought) shall be allowed, xxxi. hen  
rici. iiii. capitulo. iiii

¶ Upon euery inditement or pre-  
sentment taken before sh. rifies or their  
minysters in theyr tournes, or lawe  
daies as they shal deliuer the same in  
ditementes and presentmentes to the  
Justycers of the peace at theyr nexte  
Sessions upon peyne of. xl. li. And  
the Justicers of the peace shal award  
processe upon the same, as well, as yf  
they had ben taken before them selves  
and shall arraine those that be so in-  
dyted of felonye and shall lette fines  
upon suche as be indyted of trespass,  
the extreates of whiche fines shall be  
introlled by indenzure, and deliuered  
vnto

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unto the same shyffes or ministers.  
¶ And if any shyffes or their ministers atteste or arrache any person by colour of any suche inditement or presentment in theyr tournes or lawe dayes. or els take any fyne or amerciamēt therfore, they haue pcesse from the Justicers of the peace, or a fore þ extreaters out of the Inditementes shalbe delyuered, they shall forfayte C.li. the moytie wherof shalbe to the partye suynge therfore by wytte of dette in whiche no wager of law nor protection shalbe alowed. i. Edwardi quarti. Capitulo vltimo.

¶ Uppon an informacyon made to Justycers of peace, or to other Justycers agaynst any person for reteining or gynnyng of lyuereys, or, agaynste any that is reteyned or taketh lyuery the Justycers shall make processe theruppon as vppon a recouerye of Dette or trespas. And if the shyffe in  
any

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any lute grannted therupon agaynst  
any person beyng sufficient retourne  
any lesse issues, then .xx.s. at the firste  
day of the distresse and at the second,  
daye. xxx.s. and at the thyrde day . xl.  
s. And so at euery daye after, more by  
x.s. in issues for euery such retourne  
he shall forsayte. xx.s. viii. Edwardi  
iiii. Capitulo. ii.

**T**he olde shyryffe shal haue power  
to retourne wyttes, and to execute  
his office during the terme of saynte  
Myghel and Myllarve, after the yeare  
of hys tye offyce expyred, onlesse he  
be law fully discharged ther of before  
xv. Edwardi. iiiii. Capi. xi.

**N**o shyryffe, nor other officer shall  
seale or take the goodes of any parson  
beyng arrested or imprisoned for felo-  
nye vntyll the same persone be duelye  
couicte or attaynted of the same felo-  
ny by course of the comon lawe, or ex-  
cepte the same goodes be otherwysse

B. v.

lawfully

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lawfully forsayte, vpon peyne to forsayte the double value of the goodes so taken to the partye greued suyng therefore by action of dette, wherein no wager of law, essoyne, nor protection shall be allowed. i. Ri. iii. Cap. iiii.

**N**o baillyffe nor other offycer in any pannel within any countie of this realme shall retourne any parson to be put in or vppon any inquire in the tournes of shiciffes, but suche as be of good name and fame hauinge freholde to the yearle value of . xx.s. or copyholde to the yerely value of .xxvi s. viii. d. at the least, aboue al charges vpon payn to lese for euery personne not bringe sufficient, at euery tyme that they shall so do offence. xx. s. and the shiryffe other. xl. s. wherefore the one moyste shall be to the partye suyng therefore by action of dette in whiche suyte no protection, nor essoyne shall be allowed. But wager of lawe



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law is not expessed. And for that cause it behoueth to make , information therof in the Eschequer .i. Richardi.iii. Cap.iiii.

**S**hiriffes or other hauyng the custodye of Gayles shall certifye the names of euerye prysoner beyng in theyr custody and to them committed for felonye, vnto the Justicers at the nexte generall Gaile deliuerie to be kalendred , vppon payne to forsayte for euerye tyme that they shall make defeaute in so doyng. C.s.iii, Henrici. vii. Capitulo.iii.

**A**lso the shiriffe nor no other pson in hys name, or by his commandment shall enter no pleynt into their bookes in no mans name, onles the playntife be there in his propre person or els by sufficient atturney or deputye, that is knowen of good name, and the pleintife shall finde pledges , persones that be knowen in that countye to pursue  
his

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his pleintye, and the pleintye shal ha-  
ue but one pleinte for one trespas, or  
one contracts. And if the shyriffe or a-  
ny other his officers cause to be en-  
tred any mo pleintes then the plein-  
tiffe suppose he that he hath cause of  
accion agaynst the Defendaunt, than  
the shyriffe or his clerke that dothe  
cause to be entred any suche pleintes,  
contrary to this acte shall forfayt for  
euery Defaute .xl.s. the one halfe to  
hym that wyll sue and proue the same  
mater by accyon of Det or in formacio  
¶ Also the shyriffe shall make suffi-  
cyent preceptes after suche pleyntes  
entred agaynst the Defendaunte dy-  
rected to the bayliffe of the hundreth  
to attache or warne the Defendaunte  
to appeare and answere to the sayde  
pleyntes, and if ther be any Defaute  
in the sayde baylyffe of the hundreth  
in warnynge, or executyng of theyr  
offices they to forsaite .xl. .s. and to be

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be conuyncte thereof by examynacyon of the Justycers of the peace or any of them.

**E**The same shyffes nor theyr deputies shall make none estreats to leuy the shyre amerciamentes tyl that ii. Justycers of the peace wher of one to be of the Quorum haue the syghte of theyr bokes and the estreaetes to be endured bytwixt the Justycers of peace and the shyffes and vnder shyffes sealed with theyr seales, the one parte to remaine with the sayd Justycers, and the other parte wpyth the shyffes.

**A**nd those parsons that shalbe gatherers of the sayde amerciamentes shalbe sworn by the sayde Justycers that they take no more mony then is forsaith & conceiued in the estreats sealed with the seales of the Justycers to the same vppon the same peine of forsaiture, as is aboue rehearsed, the  
same

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same gatherers to be conuict by examination of the same Justycers, or one of them. And the same Justycers of peace shalbe apointed at the Sessions holden at Wyghelmas by him that by the eldeste of the Quorum to haue the controlment of the saide Shyryffes, vnder shyryffes shyre clarkes and other of the sayde offycers, and of the sayd shyryffes amercyamentes.

And the said Justycers of peace vpon suggestion shal make proces agaynst the shyryffe vnder shyryffe shyre clarkes or other offycers to appere before them to answer to such suggestyon or in fornyacyon as is vled in accyon of trespas. Anno secundo. Henrici. vi.

Capitulum. iiii.

Also euery shyryffe shall cause to be taken all vacabondes ydle people and superfluous persons and sette them in stocks, ther to remeaine at the first taking

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taking by a day and on nyghte and at the second time to be in the stockes, by thre dayes and thre nyghtes with bread and water, And if any shyrriffe excute not these premisses of euery vagabund heremite or begger able to labour, or clearkes, pylgrims, or shipmen, as ofte anye such cometh in sight, or that he hath therof any knowledg within the towne or place wher he hath auctoritie that as ofte as anye suche misdoer abydeth ther aboute the space of one day and on night and departe vncexamined and unpunished, for euery misdoer so Departed the Shyrriffes to lose thre. s. iiii. d. and the Shyrriffes in his tourne hath auctoritie to inqyre of all the defautes of Mayres, Bailiffes, highe Constables, petie constables, al other gouernours of other gouernours, and officers of Cityes, Townes, and Villages, within

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wothin their tourne and to haue. iiii.  
s. iiii. d. for euery Defaute founde in  
hys tourne. An. xlii. Henrici. vii. Ca-  
pitulo. xii.

¶ Also euery shyreffe vpon a precept  
dyrected vnto hym by the Justycers  
of peace to retourne a panel to inqui-  
re of any ryotte or vnlawefull assem-  
ble comytted shal retourne. xliiii. per-  
sons dwellinge in the shyre euery of  
them hauinge .xx. s. of freholde or  
xxvii. s. viii. d. of copiholde or of bothe  
ouer all charges, and to retourne in  
issues euery parson. xx. s. at the fyrste  
Daye, and at the seconde Day .xl. s. and  
if the Defaute be in y shyreffe for the re-  
tourninge of persons not beyng of  
that sufficiēcy or for none retourninge  
of issues in fourme before sayde he to  
forfayte. xx. li. An. xli. H. vii. Cap. xv.  
¶ Also if anye ryotte or assemble of  
people be made in anye parte of thys  
realme agaynst the lawe, the Justy-  
cers

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cers of peace, or two of them at the  
leaste, and the Shyreffe or vnderhy  
ryffe may come with the power of þ  
countye (yf nede be ) to arreste and  
bryng them before the same Justy  
cers of the peace. And the Shyreffe  
or vnder shyreffe haue power to re  
corde that that they shall fynde in  
their presence don contrarve to the  
lawe, and the offendoure shalbe con  
uycpte by such record . And yf they be  
departed before the commyng of the  
sayd Justycers, Shyreffe, or vnder  
shyreffe , then shall the same Justy  
cers or two of them within one mo  
neth after such ryot, enquire diligēt  
ly wher þ assemble was made. And  
if the truth can not be founde , then  
the same Justycers, or two of theym  
and the shyreffe or vnder shyreffe a  
boue sayd , within a moneth nerte  
folowynge , shall certyfy before the  
kyng and his counsell the hole dede

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withall

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withal & circumstances therof which  
certifycat shalbe as strong to put the  
partyes to answer therupon, as an  
inditement found by twelve mē. An  
rui. Henrici quarti Capitulo ultimo.  
¶ And if the sayd ryot or vnlawful  
assemble be not found ( by reason of  
any embracerye or mayntenaunce of  
the sayd Jury ) then the said Justy-  
cers of peace and the Shyryffe ouer  
and aboue such certifycat that they  
must make according to the said sta-  
tute made. Anno. rui. Henrici quarti  
shal in the same certifycat cercifie the  
names of the sayd mainteynours &  
embrasours in that be halfe ( if any  
be ) with theyr mysdemeanours that  
they know, vppon peyne of euery of  
the sayd Justycers, and Shyryffe or  
vnder shyryffes. xx. li. yf they haue no  
reasonable excuse for noone certyf-  
ying of the same, which certifycat so  
made, shalbe an indytement in the  
law



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law. And euery person Duelye pro-  
ued to be maynteinour or enbassour  
shall forsayte. xx. li. and to be commit-  
ted to ward, therto remayne by dys-  
crecyon of the Justycers. An. xix. hen-  
rici septimi. Capitulo. xiii.

**A**lso y no Shiriffe vpon writtes  
and preceptes dyrected by him do re-  
tourne before Escheatours or Cam-  
myssyoners, any person to inquire of  
any lands or tenemētes excepte eue-  
ry of the same Jury haue lands and  
tenemētes of the yerely value of. xl. s.  
aboue all charges in the same Shyre  
vpon paine of forfature for euery per-  
son so retourned a hundred shyllyn-  
ges. Anno. iii. Henrici. viii. Cap. ii.

**A**lso all panels put in by the  
shyrffe before any Justicer of gayle  
deliuere, or before Justycers of pea-  
ce (wherof one to be the Quorum)  
in theyr open sessyons to enqyre  
for the kynge, shalbe reformed by  
C. ii. puttynge

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puttynge to and takyng out of the name so impanelled by discrecion of the same Justycers, and that y same Justycers or Justycer shal comaūd euery Shyriffe & theyr mynisters in theyr absences to put other persōs in the same panell by their discrecion and the same panel so refourmed by the Justicers to be good. And if any Shyriffe do not retourne the same panell so refourmed then euery Shiriffe so offendyng for euery such offence shall for sayte .xx.li. halfe to hym that will sue by accion of Det, byll or complaynt wher such shall fall or be, and no wager of law, essoine, nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Also vppon euery exigente wher wyttes of proclamacyon ar to be awarded the same wytte of proclamacyon to haue the same day of retourne that the exigent hath and to be delyuered of record and the Shyriffe

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ryffe to make proclamacion thre seue  
rall daies in his pleine countie, wherof  
on of the proclamacions, to be made  
at the generall Sessions in those par  
ties wher the partie is supposed to  
be dwelling, that he yelde him selfe  
to the Shyriffe of the foren shire that  
the Shyriffe maye haue the body at  
the day of the exigent retournable to  
answer to the plaintes, and that the  
shyriffe of the sayd countie that hath  
suche writtes of proclamacion duely  
execute y same and therof make due  
retourne at the day appointed in the  
same writte, vppon peine to forfeite  
such amerciamment, as by the Justi  
cers shalbe assessed.

**C** Shyreffes, Bailliffes, Cōstables  
and al other hede officers, and euery  
of them fyndyng or knowyng any  
person vsyng or excercisyng any un  
lawfull games contrarie to the sta  
tute, haue ful power to cōmit euery  
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such offendour to ward there to re-  
mayne without baylle or maynprie  
to such tyme as they so offendynge  
be bound by obligation to the kyn-  
ges vse in such summes of money as  
by discrecion of the sayd Shyffes,  
or other officers: shalbe thought rea-  
sonable that they from hence forthe  
shall not vse any vnlawfull games.  
Anno. sexto. H. viii, Cap: ii.

**C** If any impotent persone begge  
within any other place then within  
suche lymittes as he shalbe assigned  
the shyffes and all other the kyngs  
officers shall by theyr discrecion pu-  
nyshe such persones by imprisonmēt  
in the stockes, by the space of. ii. daies  
and two nyghtes, gyuing thē bread  
and water oneli, and after that cause  
them to be sworn to retourn again  
to the place wher they be licensed to  
begge. Anno. xxi. henrici octavi.  
Capitulo duodecimo.

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**T**he Justicers of peace vpon informacio or peresetmēt made agāist any Towne shyp for none executing of this acte, shall make proces by distress against the inhabitantes of the town, and therby the shyryffe shall distreyne the goodes of on or two of the inhabitantes of the town as he may know for negligēt in the town and retayn the distress tyll he fynde suretie to appere at the sheshyons before the Justicers.

**A**nd vpon the retourne of the shyreff of the distress, if the persone appere not, then euery such persone to lose. xl. d. at the fyrste distress, and at the second distress. vi. s. viii. d. vppon his default, and so to be double at euery distress tyll apparaunce be had.

**S**hyreffes that haue custodie of Bayle shall make seales to be graue with the name of the Castel that he kepeth, for to gyue and seale wyttes

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to prisoners acquted to begge for  
their fees within the hundreth wher  
he is deliuered by .vi. wekes nexte af  
ter his delyuere, and the to go to the  
hundreth where he laste dwelled by  
iii. yere, or wher he was bozne. The  
Shyreffe shal not suffer any such pri  
soner to begge for his fees, nor to de  
parte but to do seruice and labour,  
till that he deliuered him such letter  
and the Clerke of the peace to make  
the brieve within one day after the  
sessions, vppon peine of twelue pengs  
to the kyng. Anno. xxi. Henrici. viii.  
Capitulo. xii.

**F**or distroieng of Crowes, Rokes  
and Choughesit, is ordeyned that  
euery person hauig any maners lan  
des and tenementes in theyr manu  
rance, shal do as much as in him is  
resonable to kyll and destroye same  
crowes, Choughes and Rokes by  
dyinge or abydyng vpon his landes

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oz tenemētes, bpō peine of a greuous  
amercamēt to be set. And if y<sup>e</sup> offēce  
be within the lymitts of letes rapes  
oz court barons then to be set by the  
steward with two of the presētours  
by the Steward, and presentours to  
be named bpō the presētemēt found  
and presented and to be reasonable  
assessed after the quāctite of y<sup>e</sup> offēce  
And the amerciamēt to be to y<sup>e</sup> lord  
of the lawday. And if any person be  
lord of suche manours, oz inhabite  
ther( wherunto any suche lawdaie  
oz rape is belonging) then vpon a  
presentement had befoze the shiriffe  
in his tourne with two of the presen  
tours to be chosen by the presētours  
shall cesse the sayd amerciament by  
theyr discrecion to the vse of the king  
and be leuied bi distresse. An. xxiiii.  
Henrici. viii. Capitulo. x,  
¶ And the shiriffes in theyr tourns  
shall geue in charge to the tenants  
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and inhabitauntes apperyng before them that they shall duely enquire, and putte in execucion the effecte of this acte.

**S**hyrffes shal hold theyr courtz from moneth to moneth And wher greater tyme is wont to be, greater shalbe. Magna Carta. Capi. ccciii,

**T**he kyng commaunderthe that shyrffes and theyr officers whych receiue his det shal acquite lawfully the dettours at the nexte accompt after that they haue receyued the dette and then it shalbe allowed at the Eschequer, so that it shal not, come in the somous after. And if the Shyrffe do other wyse, & be attainted thereof he shal rendre thre tymes so much as he hath receiued, and shall make fine at the kynges wyll. And if an other do it, for whose hand he is answerable at the Eschequer, he shall rendre the treble therof to the pleintife and



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and shal make fyne in the same, and the Shyreffe shal make tayles to all them that haue paide him the kyngs dettes. Westmynster primer. Capitulo nono.

**C**Concerning Shyreffes and other which haue leuyed the kyngs dette, and make tayles or other acquitace to the Dettour, and discharg him not It is a gried that whā the Shyreffe is impleded therfore in þe Eschequer by the Dettour, if he come not at the distres, then shal an other distres be a warded retournable at a certai day wherin shalbe commaunded that proclamacion be made in the ful couētie, that the Defendāt shal come in by acertayne day to acquite the Dettour of the summe, for which he mad him the acquitance or taylor, at which yf he come not in, & the wyrt be retourned & the proclamacion certified, he shalbe

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shalbe holden conuicte, and the dette shalbe leuied of him in lyke maner as dette recouered, agaynst him in y<sup>e</sup> kynges courte, and damages shalbe awarded to the plaintife ,accoꝝding to the discrecion of the Barons.xiiii. Edwardi.ii in the statute of Atteintes, the last Chapiter.

¶ The kyng commaundeth that al Shyriffes, & Baylliffes which haue receyued his dettes, of y<sup>e</sup> somons of y<sup>e</sup> Eschequer, which acquite not y<sup>e</sup> detours bpō the nexte accompte, shalbe punyshed accoꝝdyng to the estatutes made. Distresses of the Eschequer.

### Capitulo quinto.

¶ It is ordeyned that execucion of wyttes which come to y<sup>e</sup> Shiriffe, be made by the hundreders known and swozne, and in the full countie, & not by others, if it be not for greate scarlyte of hundredars. For then it shalbe don by other persons conuenient

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nient and sworn. The statute of Lincolne the last Chapter.

**S**hiriffes shal not be charged w<sup>th</sup> the leuieng of any issues nor shal leuie any befoze they come out of the Eschequer by the extreates ther to be leuyed . And yf percase any shyriffe retourn iussues vpon any retognitoz pledg or manucaptoz, by him assessed & retourned into our court, whych to the payment of the same issues or amerciamentes at the tyme of the retourn was in sufficiēt: the same Shyryffe shalbe charged therwith at the Eschequer, and shall make tailesto al persons of all maner of things by hi receiued, and shall not retourne any wher the names of manucaptores, Jurours, or other excepte it be accozdyng to the tenour of the wyttes to them dyrected, nor shal retournde the names of pledgsof fre mē any wher oneles they haue manifestly cōfessed them

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themselues pledges. The statute of  
Fynes. Capitulo secundo.

**E** No Shyriffe, coroner oz other the  
kynges mynyllers shall take no re  
ward for doyng hys offyce, and if he  
do, he shall paye the double, and shal  
be punished at the kynges wyll, but  
shal be payd of that which they take  
of the kyng. Westminster. Cap. xvi.

**E** Shyriffe shall not suffre any bar  
retoure oz maynteynour of matters  
within his county, neyther stewards  
of great lordes oz other ( which be  
not attourneys to theyr lordes to do  
theyr suites) nor to syt vpon the iud  
gements of the countyes nor to pro  
nounce them except he be therto re  
quired of al the suitours & attourneis  
that shalbe ther at the same iourney  
And if he do the contrarye, the king  
shall take it greuously to the Shy  
riffe and the offedour. Westminster  
primo. Capitulo. xxi.

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**E**t shalbe lafull for euery shyryffe Justicer of peace and Escheatour to lease to the kings vse all such goods and catels that suche persons as cōe within this realme & be called Egyprians haue, & therof to make accōpt to the kyng in his Escheker, and to retayne and kepe y moyte therof to his owne vse, and accompte for the residue, and to paye no fees for y accompte nor for his dyscharge therof.

**I**n the statute it appereth what thing the shyryffe ought to do byresō of his office, & that he ought not to take any thing for. Doyng his offyce but onelye that which is appointed to him by y same estatute. And if he

do or toke any thyng otherwyle it is extorcion which ought to be enquired vpon by Justycers of the peace & the shyryffe shalbe punished therfore.

**A**nd if ani shiriffe do any extorciō to the people, and be duely attainted therof

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therof he shalbe straytly punyshed  
therfore at the pleasure of the kyng.  
Anno primo. Hen. iiii. Capitulo. xi.

**S**hyrffes may, and ar bounde  
to enqyre of comen anoyances don  
to all maner of the kynges subiects,  
but not of assaultes made vppon any  
pvyat person, for that is but a parti-  
culer offence, by Martin. iiii. Hen. vi.

**T**he shyriffe must kepe his turne  
within a moneth after Easter, and  
within a moneth after the feast of S,  
Mighell. And yf he kepe it at any ty  
me after y moneth of y sayd feastes,  
it is boyd by the estatute of. An. xxxi.  
Ed. iii. Capitulo. xix. And all indyte-  
mentes, and presentmentes ther ta-  
ken after the same tyme be boyd.

**B**lodeshed shalbe enqyred of, in  
the shyrffes tourne, bycause it is an  
rtycle that is to be inqyred of in a  
Let. All Letes be deryued & taken  
out of the Shyrffes tournes, in so  
much

much that for defaute of inquerie in  
letes of thyngs inquerable ther the  
same thyngs ther omitted ought to  
be inquired of in þ̄ turnes of shiriffes  
D. viii. Edwardi . iiii.

¶ And all the Justycers sayd that  
the Shyryffe in his tourne hath auc  
toritie, to inquire of all thynges that  
be trespas or felony by the comō law  
(except þ̄ death of a man) but of tresp  
pas or felony made by estatute þ̄ shi  
riffe in his turne hath no power to  
inquire of. D. xxviii. Edwardi . iiii.

¶ And if the Shyryffe in his tourne  
inquire of instances, that shuld be in  
quired of in the Lete of an other, &  
the same be founde, yet may he not  
distraine for the amerciamēt of such  
apresentment. For yf he do he is tresp  
passoure. But yf ther wer a detaure  
in the lord of the Lete in þ̄ he wolde  
not inquire or fynd the same, whan  
he ought to haue inquired therof in

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this cause it semeth that þe shyriffe in  
histourne may inquire of it in Defaut  
of the lord. *D. xxviii. Edwardi. iii.*

¶ And if one haue afaire or market  
by graunt or prescripcyon, and kepe  
nat his fayre or market as he ought  
the shyriffe ought to inquire there-  
of in his tourne *xxii. Henrici. vi.*

¶ Upon a presentment of Nuisance  
in the shyriffes tourne, the party shal  
be amerced there by the shiriffe, whi  
che may distrain for the amerciament  
And if porpresture be presented ther  
the shiriffe may abate the same, and  
refourme it. *D. xxvi. Edwardi. iii.*

¶ Also it appeareth by the booke of  
Briton, that vnto the turne of the shi  
riffe ought to cum al the freholders  
of the hundred, and other lande te-  
nautes (Clarke, men of religion,  
& women onely except) where at the  
shiriffe shal cause. *xii.* of the most sage  
and sufficiēt persons of the hundred  
to be



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to be sworne. And then shall all the  
residue be sworne by doyns and by  
the townes which shall make their  
sentiment to the fyfth. xii. Jurours  
upon the articles wherewith they shall  
be charged. And it semeth that þe shi-  
ryffe ought to hold his retourne in e-  
ry hundred within the countye

¶ What thinges be inquirable in  
the Shyreffes tourne.

**F**yrste they shall enquire yfther  
be any misdoer in y hundred of  
whom any standeth in dower  
of life or lim, and what is his name.

¶ Also they shall inquire of all mor-  
tall enemyes, to the kyng the quene  
theyr chyldren, or counseilours, of  
counterfaytynge the kynges seale or  
his mony, of mansleas, and murde-  
rars, of burners of others corne or  
houses feloniously, of Buglours,  
of robbers, of theeves, of outlawes,

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of those that haue a biured y realme  
and cunne agayne of sorcerers and  
witches, of mysteantes and herety-  
ked, of traytours & of prisoners of  
cutters of purses, of vsurers, of by-  
taylers byeng and selling wyttling  
ly stolne flesshe of them that witting  
ly make which the skinns of beastes  
stolne, of redubboured that witting  
ly by stolne clothes, and dresse them  
into an other facyon, of treasour hyd  
in the ground, hues & cries wzonge  
fully or ryghtfully leuied & not pur-  
sued, or water stopped, strayghtened  
or tourned, of boundes pulled vppe-  
or wzongfully chaunged of walles,  
houses, gatea marlepittes, dytches,  
or other dissurbances and or leuied  
vpon any common way to the annu-  
saunce, of petye byrboures that there  
there to haue the wulle, of such as  
take thefbote, and of thos that haue  
made a prysone of theyr own house  
or house

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oz houlsholde , of pounde breache, of  
trespassours in parkes & pondes , of  
takers of other mennes Doues, of y  
assise of bzead and ale broken, of the  
that bye and sell by measure against  
the assise, of chaunce medleis of con-  
teckours, of bloudshed of watches,  
vikept, of the slynges hyghe wayes  
not enlarged, of thos that haue kept  
appeachours in any other prison the  
the kings oz any other felon aboue a  
Day & a night, of new libertes custo-  
mes, oz iurisdiccions vsurped sinthe  
last tourne on water oz on land , of  
weyffes, of wreckes of the sea foude  
and kept away, of bridges and caul-  
ceis broken, & who ought to repaire  
them, and of those that clayme frau-  
chises, oz iudgmentes realles, and  
of al those of the age of .xii. yeres gon  
out of the hundzed, wich be not come  
into the tourne ( excepte Clerkes.  
knightz their childre & wines which

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be not

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be not in dosyns) of vacabundes by  
the countrey whych are of no mans  
retinue, of whom there is anye euell  
suspeccion of lewde demeanour  
And when the townes haue geuen  
theyr verditte to the fyrste Jurours,  
then immediately shall the fyrst Ju-  
rours go and giue by theyr present-  
ment, such as they will abide by. And  
the presentment of felonies they shal  
shewe prively, and the other openlye,  
Britton. lib. i. folio. xxxviii.

**E** Nowe must ye inquire further if  
bayliffes of libertyes and fraunchi-  
ses haue duely done theyr office whi-  
che resteth in thre poyntes, which is  
that they cruely execute his preceptes  
whiche be directed vnto thein accor-  
ding to the tenours of the same, and  
that they make due answer and re-  
tourne to the shryffe of the same  
preceptes, and that he take nothing  
for doynge his office, but onelye the  
fees

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fees to him due, and apointed by the  
course of y<sup>e</sup> law, and what fees they  
shall take, & what thinges they ought  
to do by reason of they<sup>r</sup> office shal ap  
peare more playnly here folowynge.

¶ The offyce of Bayliffes  
of liberties



¶ Upon a precept made by  
the Shyriffe to a Bay  
lyffe of a libertye bp<sup>o</sup> a  
wryt of distress directed  
to the shiriffe to distrein  
the defendand in the same wrytte, or  
the Jurrours in any inquest, the bay  
lyffe must retourne good and sufficy  
ent issues, bp<sup>o</sup> the defendand, or bp<sup>o</sup>  
the Jurrours yf they haue sufficient  
goodes or landes within his Bailly  
wyke, and yf he do not the playntife  
in the accyon shal haue an auerment  
that he myght haue retourned grea  
ter issues. yf the defendaunt make de  
faut, or y<sup>e</sup> iurrours by y<sup>e</sup> sta. of. i. C.iii.

D.iiii.

Capitulo

The offyce

**Capi.b.** And Justicers of the peace muste inquire if the Bayliffes haue don theyr office in that poine.

**E** Also they must inquire if bayliffes of liberties which be keepers of any Gayle, enforce any of theyr prisoners to be appellours to thentent to haue a fine of the parties appeled for doute of imprisonment.i. Edwardi.tercii. Capitulo.vii.

**B**ayliffes of liberties which take indicementes in theyr tournes. or o-ther wher, ought to take them by indentur, wherof the one partie shal remayne with the indiditours, & the o-ther with the baylyffe.ii. Edwardi.3. Capitulo.xvii.

**N**one shalbe made Baylyffe of libertie, excepte he haue sufficiēt lande in the place where he is miniker, to make aunswere to the king and his people.iiii. Edwardi.iii. Cap. ix.

**B**ayliffes of liberties which be  
Gaylours

of Shyreffes

Baylours and haue the keepyng of prisons ought to receiue & safely kep all theues deliuered to them by the Constables of the townes beyng indited, taken with y<sup>e</sup> maner, or appealed of felonie without taking ought iiii. Edwardi. 3. Cap. x.

Bayliffes of liberties muste receyue such persons as be arrested in thei<sup>r</sup> fraunchise by the Constables, for suspicion of felonye, that walke in the countrey by nyght, or be of euyl name, and shall kepe them in prisone vntyl the comyng of the Iustices of Gaile deliuered, & in the meane tyme the Bayliffes muste inquire of them b. Edwardi. 3. Capitulo. xiiii.

Baylyffes of liberties Constables and other officers of townes where loyterers and vacaboundes resorte haue power to examine the diligently, and compell them to fynd suertie by sufficiente maynpernours beyng

D. b.

Distrey-

The offyce

dystreynable of theyr good behavi-  
oure, And if any default be founde in  
the same loyterers and vacabundse  
can nat fynde suretie, they shalbe set  
to the next Gaile ther to remayne  
vntyl the comyng of the Justicers  
of Gaile deliuerie whych maye do  
with them as they shall thinke beste  
by the course of the law. vii. Richar-  
di secundi. Capitulo. v.

¶ No seruante or labourer at the  
ende of his terme shall depart out of  
the hūdyed or Rape wher he is dwel-  
lyng, to dwell any other wher onles  
he byng a letter patent conteynyn-  
g the cause of his goynge, vnder the  
kynges seale therto assigned, And if  
any seruant labourer be found va-  
gerant without such letter, he shalbe  
taken forth by the sheryff, shayrs  
bailiff, or other officers & put in stoc-  
kes vntill he fynde suretie of retourn  
to the town to serue from whence he  
came



of Shyreffes

came, vntyll he haue such a letter to  
departe for cause reasonable. xii. Ri-  
chardi.ii. Capitulo.iii.

**¶** Bailliffs, of liberties shauz power  
to arrest seruauntes & laborers that  
weare daggers, swerdes & kniues &  
thē to sease & kepe vntill the sessions  
of the peace, and the weapons to pre-  
sent to y<sup>e</sup> Justicers ther with the na-  
mes of them that beare them, and the  
weapōs shalbe forfayte, excepte they  
be traueling in the cositre with their  
masters, or in theyr landys or busynes  
xii. Richardi, Capitulo.v.

**¶** Shyreffes and bailiffes of liber-  
ties in theyr liberties, are bounden  
to receyue seruaūtes & labourers beg-  
ging and vagarant, and them to de-  
teyne in prison wout bayle, without  
takynge of any fee or other thyng of  
them at their entre or deptyng by thē  
selues or by their deputies vppō paine  
of, C.s. to the kyng xii. Ri.ii. Ca. ix.

Bay

### The offyce

**T** Bayliffes of liberties to whome the keepyng of the assise of bread & ale and the correccion of the same belongeth, shall take no amerciament nor fyne for no Defaut touchyng the said assise for which the offendour oughte by þe law to haue corporal penāce but they shall adiudge them to the same penance. And Bailiffes of liberties and al other that haue þe keepyng and ouersyght of vitayles shal put in due excucio the estatute made in the xxxiii. yere of Edward the thyrde, which begynneth. *Quia maior pars populi. &c. xiii. R. ii. Capitulo. viii.*

**B**ouchers, Fylhers Hostellers, Brewars Bakers Butlers, and all other sellers of vitayles ar bounden to sell such maner of vitaylles at a reasonable pryce, haupyng regarde to the pryce wherat such vitayles are solde at other places nere, so that they maye haue a competence gayn and  
not

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not excessive accordyng as by the dy  
stance of the peaces (from whens the  
bitaylles ar creayed) they shal thiike  
reasonable to be inquired, & if anye  
sell bitailes in any other māer & ther  
of be cōuict, he shal pay the double of  
that he hath receiued to the party en  
dōaged, or in his default to any other  
that wil sue therfore. And Mayres &  
Bayllyffs of towngs. &c. haue power  
to inquire of al such as offend agāst  
this ordynauce in any poynt and in  
case that the same Mayres, and bay  
liffes be negligent in doing excuciou  
of the premisses, and therupou be cō  
uicted by the Justycers assigned by  
vs, they shalbe compelled by the sāe  
Justycers to restore the treble value  
of the thyng solde to the party gre  
ued, or to any other þ̄ in his defeaute  
wyl sue and neuertheles shalbe gre  
uouly punished agāst vs. xxiij.  
Edwardi. iiii. Capitulo.

The offyce.

**N**o Steward, Baylliffe, nor o-  
ther ministers of lordes of fraunchises  
which haue retourne of writtes shal  
be attourney to ani persō in any mat-  
ter within the same fraunchise or bai-  
liwyke wher he is officiat any ma-  
ner of tyme. *iii. Henrici. iiii. Capi. xix.*  
**I**f any heinous ryotte, be made by  
Justycers of the peace & the shiriffe  
or vndershyryffe ought to do their of-  
fice accordyng to the estatute made  
*xxiii. Hen. iiii.* And yf they do not at y-  
sute of the party greued a commissiō  
shall go forth to inquire therof, and  
of the defaulte of the Justycers, and  
the wiriffe and y Coroner shal serue  
the processe, and he muste retourne  
persones that haue land to the yerely  
value of. *x. li.* and shall retourne also  
*xx. s.* in issues at the fyrst daye, and  
*xl. s.* at the seconde day, and at the  
thyrde daye, *C. s.* and so double it  
at euerye daye after. And yf default  
be in

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be in the Coroner in returnyng the issues, or of persones of suche land he shall lese. xl. li. And yf the olde Shyriffe be discharged, the new Shyryffe shall serue the processe, and not the Coroner, bpon peyne of. xl. li. if the Defaut be founden in, hym touchynge the tourne of other persons by him enpanelled which haue not landes to the yerely value of. x. li. or to return such issues as the Coroners be charged with. And Bayliffes of liberties are bounden for to impanel sufficient persons, as aboue is sayd bpon peyne to lese. xl. li. in case that such persons maye be found within his bayliwike ii. Henrici. iiii. Capitulo. viii.

¶ Bayliffes of fraunchyes oughte to make theyr retournes, and answer vnto the Shyryffe bpon his precepte made vnto the in a specyall wyrt of assyle. vi. Dayes before þ day of þ session bpon peine to forfeit. xl. li for

The offyce.

for euery tyme that they shal do the  
contrary. vi. Henrici sexti. Capitulo  
secundo.

¶ Wher a precepte is made to the  
shyryffe by Justycers of the peace to  
retourne a panel to inquire of forcy-  
blentre, and he sendeth hys precepte  
to the Bailliffe of y libertie to return  
the panel bicause the riotte was don  
withyn the libertie, now we is the bay  
lyffe bounden to make due retourne  
and execucion of the preceptes to hi  
derected vpon payne of. xx. li. for eue-  
ry defaute. And the estatute wyll  
that the Shyryffe shall retourne. xx.  
s. in issues vpon euery Turroure at y  
fyrste day, and that euery Turroure  
which shall passe in the inquire, shall  
spende. xl. s. perely, wherby it semeth  
that Bayliffes of liberties ar boun-  
den to do like wise, if so many of the  
said Turroures be win his libertie for  
els he is not. viii. h. vi. Capitulo. ix.

Bayliffes

## Baylyffes

**B**aylyffes of lybertyes in attayntes upon plee of land of the yerely value of .xl.s. or more, nor in attayntes for dedes concernyng landes of lyke value, nor in attayntes upon personal accions wherein h<sup>e</sup> recovery extendeth vnto .xl.li. or more shall not retourne or impanel any persōs in such inquestes, but those that be dwelling within his baille wike, and that haue estate to thery owne vse in lands or tenementes for terme of life to the yerely value of twenty pound or more, within his baylle wike out of auncient Demesne and the fyue portes and at the first day of the distresse retourned shall retourne no lesse yssues in such actions of attaynt than, .xl.s. & at the second dystres. **C.** s. And the Double of every other dystres vpon the persons so impanelled & retourned. And yf he do the contrarye, he shal pay, .xl.li. to the king and as much

**C.** i.

to

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to the partye. li. Henrici sexti. Capitulo quinto.

**¶** Bayliffes and other the kinges offycers meye arrest those souldours that come frome the see & shew not letters testimoniale from theyr Capaynes that they haue lycenced them And they shall kepe theym vntil they haue inquired whether y they haue licence or nat. & if they haue no suche licence, then shall they be punished as felons. xviij. Hen. vi. Capitulo. xix

**¶** No Baylyffe of a lybertie) vpon any precept to hi directed to retourn the panel of any enquest) shall in the same retourn any Bayliffes officers or seruantes to any offycers aboue sayd, nor shal take any thinge by the selfe or by other of any person by the arrested or attached to theyr owne vse or auayle, or of Any other person for ani arrest or attachemete by y bo dye made by them, or that is arrested  
by



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by verte of theiꝝ offyce, for tyme, fee,  
surte, or pryson, maynprys lettyng to  
bayle, of shewyng of any case or fa-  
uour to any person beyng arrested  
for theiꝝ reward or profite but as is  
here lymytted, that is to wyt for the  
Shypp. .xx. d. the Baylyffe that ma-  
keth the arrest. .iiii. d. and th, the gay-  
loure if the prysoner be commytted to  
hym. .iiii. d. And no Baylyffe of anye  
libertie, nor Coroner by him selfe nor  
by other bycoloures of his office shal  
take any thyng for the makynge of  
retourne or panel, and for the cōppe  
of a panell but. .iiii. d. Also Baylyffes  
of lybertyes shal let out of pryson all  
persons by them arrested or being in  
theiꝝ keepynge by force of anye bylle,  
wrytte, or warrant in any accion per-  
sonal, or by force of any inditeinēt of  
trespas hypon reasonable suretye ha-  
ving sufficient within the baylywike  
wher they belet to baile to kepe their

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Daies in the same places as the same  
bille, wrytte, or warrant shal inquire  
those only excepted which be i ward  
vpon anye condemnation, or be ex-  
communicate, or outlawed, or arrested  
vpon suretye of the peace, and vaga-  
rantes that refuse to serue. And that  
the sayd bayliffes shal not take anye  
obligation of any person, nor by any  
person being in their ward by course  
of the lawe, for any the causes aboue  
reherfed, but in the name of their of-  
fice, and vpon the condicion that the  
same person shal appere at the daies  
conteyned in the said wryttes, billes  
or warranties, and in such places as  
they require. And yf anye Baylyffe  
take any obligatiō in any other for-  
me by colour of his offices, it sha'be  
hoide, and that he shal take no more  
for the making of any such obliga-  
cyon, warrantye, or precept by them  
to be made, but foure. d. And yf they  
do

### Of lyberties.

Do contrarve vnto this ordynaunce in any poynt, for so doyng they shall rendre to the party greued his damages treble, and shal forfeit for euery tyme that they do the contrarve. xl. li. the one halfe wherof shalbe to hym that wyll sue in any of the kynges courtes therfore. .xc. .xxiii. Henrici sexti. Capitulo decimo.

**C**Baylyffes of lyberties ought not to sease the goodes of anye person arrested or imprisoned for felony before that they shalbe conuicted or attaynted of the same felony, accordyng to the law, or els that the same goodes be other wyse forsayted, vpon payne to forsayte the double value of the goodes so taken, vnto the partyesen dainaged suing therfore by action of det, wherein no wager of the law es soyne, nor protection shal in any wise be allowed to the defendaunt primo Richardi secundo. Capitulo tercio

E. iii.

Bayl-

The office.

Baylyffes of liberties that be gay-  
lers and haue the keepynge of gailes  
shal certyfye the names of euery pri-  
soner in his gaile that is there for fe-  
lony, at the next generall gaile Deli-  
uerye in euery countye or fraunchise  
(where such gayle is) to be kalēdyed  
before the Justices of the same gaile  
delpuere vpon payn to forsayte for  
euery defaulte ther recorded. C.8.

Anno.iii. Henrici. vii, Capitulo. iiii.

**A**ll Baylyffes and other hed offy-  
cers, and euery of them syndynge or  
knowing any person vsyng or exer-  
cising any vnlawful games contrary  
to the statutes, haue power to com-  
mit euery such offendour to warde,  
and there to remaine in prison with-  
out baile or mainpryse, till such tyme  
as he be bound by obligaciō in suche  
sum, as discreciō of him that taketh  
the bound semeth reasonable, to the  
kinges vse, that he shal play no more

Anno

**Of lyberties.**

**Anno. vi. Henrici. viii. Capi. ii.**

**E** All statutes made against Shy-  
riffes vnder Shiriffes, Baylyffes,  
or other ministers for makynge or re-  
tournynge of panels, or Furies, or  
for due execuciō of seruing of wrytes  
or other proces or for takynge of fees  
or for the refozmacion of extorciōs  
or for any other thing concernynge  
they offyce, and al paynes contained  
in euery suche estatute, shalbe exten-  
ded to all Stewardes Baylyffes &  
other ministers, and offycers of liber-  
ties and fraunchyses hauynge re-  
tourne of writtes and execucion ther-  
of in like maner as they extend to Shi-  
riffes, they vnder Shyryffes, Bay-  
lyffes nor other minysters, sauynge  
that the Bayllyffes, and offycers of  
lyberties may occuppe they offyces  
for as long tyme as they shalbe ge-  
uen vnto them. Anno. xxvii. Henrici.  
octau. Capitulo. xxiii.

**C. iii**

**The**

The office.

## THE OFFICE OF ES- CHEATOURS



Yf shal enquire of Esche-  
tours, if they haue duely  
executed theyr office and  
yf they haue taken anye  
more for doinge thereof  
then they ought, or if they haue com-  
mitted and done any extorciō or op-  
pression vnto the kings people by co-  
loure of theyr office. And therfore ye  
shall vnderstand, that no Eschetour  
ought to medle or inquire for y<sup>e</sup> king  
but in case where the kinge of righte  
ought to be entitled and haue the  
land or thing that is founde for hym  
by the enquest, for if one holde of the  
kyng as of his duchy of Lancastre  
by knightes seruice, & die, his heyre  
beinge within age, the kinge ought  
to haue the warde of the heire, & the  
land. And yet in that case if the esche-  
tour

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tour find it by office, he shal haue no  
thyng for the findinge thereof, by-  
cause the tenant held not of the king  
in chiefe as of his crowne And ther-  
fore the king mai enter and seale the  
land and the heyre without office, &  
may graunte it. In lyke maner if the  
Escheatour fynd by office that one  
died sealed and held of other lordes  
and not of the kyng by knyghtes ser-  
uice and that he is deade & his heire  
withyn age. The Escheatour shal de-  
maunde nothing of ryght for fyndig  
of suche an office. And so yf he fynd  
an office that one died sealed of such  
a manour in fee, and held of the king  
as of such an honoure or Castell by  
knyghtes seruice, and his heire with-  
aga: yet ought not the Escheatour to  
haue any fee or duetye for the fynding  
of that office. and yf he take any thyng  
therfore, it is extorcion which is well  
proued by a woxit of ( diem clausit ex

The offyce.

tre mum) the words wherof be these  
Quia georgi⁹. er qui de nobis tenuit  
in capite die quo obiit, diē clausit ex-  
tremum vt accepimus deo tibi prece-  
pimus. &c. whereby it appeareth þ̄ yf  
one holde not of the kinge in chiefe,  
the Eschetour ought not to haue the  
fee of forty shillings for findynge of  
the office. And if he take it in that  
behalf, it is extortion.

And in assise, if the Defendant saye  
that the landes are leased into þ̄ kin-  
ges handes by the eschetour, and the  
Escheatour being there present and  
examined by the Iustices ther vpon  
do confesse that he hath leased the lā-  
des into the kynges handes, where  
in deede he hath not so done: in thys  
case the eschetour doth wrong to the  
plaintyfe, which may haue no accion  
vpon hys case agaynst the eschetour  
for his falsed, and for the delay that  
he hath susteined through that con-  
fession



of Eschetoures

fession by suinge to the kyng for a  
Procedendo.

None shalbe Subeschetour onles  
he haue sufficient landes in those pla  
ces where he is officer to answer to  
the kyng and his people in case that  
any will complaine agaynst them.

Anno quarto Edwardi tertii. Capi.  
nono. Anno. v. eiusdem. Capitu. iiii.

**T**he Escheatoures shalbe chosen  
euery yere, as the shiriffe shalbe, and  
by the same persons that chose þe shi  
riffes. And that no Escheatour shal  
abyde in his office aboue one yere.

An. viii. Edwardi. iiii. Capitulo. iiii.

The Escheatour shall not do waste  
in byshoppykes, and other places,  
during the vacacion of the, neyther  
shall sell vnder woodes, nor chase in  
parkes or warrens, nor fysh in pon  
des or fere fishinges, nor maye take  
no fines of any tenemēts fre nor bōd  
but shal cause the to be kept & sauēd.

with

The offyce.

without doyng damage or any manner of oppressio, An. cxliiii. Edwardi tercii. Capitulo quarto.

**S**o by this estatute it appeareth that it appertayneth to the office of an Escheatur to seale the temporalties of Archebysshoppykes, Bysshoppykes & Abbeyes of the king in foundacion durynge the vacacion of the same, and to take the profytes, and to accompte for the same to the kynge in the Eschequer: Nowe be it there is an other estatute made in the same yere the effect wherof is, that yf the Dea and chap, Pryour or Supprieour wil take temporalties to ferme, payenge the value accordyng to the remembraunces in the Eschequer that they shall haue the same before any other. And by an other estatute made the same yere Capi. quinto the Chaunceloure Treasorer of the Eschequer takyng to them suche other of the Councell, as they

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they shall thynke good shall lease the  
vagacions of Archebysshoprikes, By  
cho prikes, Abbeyes priories and o-  
ther houses of relygion (thadundance  
wherof belōg to the king) the Dean  
a Chapter, Priour, or Suppriour  
Priores, or Supprieores and Couent  
at a certayne rent to paye by the yer  
quarter, or moneth, durynge the va-  
cacyons as thei shal thinke best with  
out makynge fayne. And neyther the  
Eschetour nor may other officer shal  
seke cause or matter, to enter, or to  
medle, or do any thyng in preiudyce  
of the church, Sauynge to the kyng  
and his heires, knyghtes fees aduou-  
sons, Escheates, Wardes, Mariages  
Reliefes, and seruices to the sayde  
fees belongynge. In wytnes wherof  
the kyng caused his letters patentes  
to be made therof dated at Westm,  
the eight day of Apryll y yere aboue  
mencioned, wherby it appereth that  
the

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thauthoritie afoze said to make leasses  
was giuen to the Chaunceler & the  
Treasorer by the Kynges letters pa-  
tentes. &c. Anno. xiiii. Ed. iii. Capit. bi  
**T**he schetours and other the kin-  
ges ministeres must accompt in the  
scheker after this maner, that is of  
lands & tenementes wherof profit ary-  
seth from time to time throughout þ  
yere as of Wylnes, herbages, tolle,  
plees, profites of courts or such other  
issues and profites, they shalbe boun-  
den to answer the king for the rate &  
value of the tyme accordyng to the  
olde course of the scheker. And tou-  
chyng auncient fermes & rentes that  
are to be payd at certayne termes as  
Rent lecke, & rent Service wherof  
no profite aryseth vntyll the day of  
paymente suche rentes and fermes  
shalbe payd vnto thein that haue ly-  
uere therof out the Kynges hande  
at the termes of payment of the said  
fermes

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fermes & rentes next folowynge such  
liuere made aswel for the cure passed  
as y<sup>e</sup> time to come. An. xxviii. C. 3. c. 4  
¶ The kyng and his progenatours  
haue bene sealed of forfaytours of  
wards time out of mynde that is as  
well of landes and possessyons as of  
goodes and cattelies. And by colour  
therof the scheatours by theyr office  
haue seased many landes, and tene-  
mentes as forfaytes to the kyng sur-  
mising treson in some persons being  
dead at the tyme of the seaser, which  
neuer wer attayned in theyr lyues,  
the king hath ordeyned touceynge  
such forfaytures that fell in the tyme  
of his graundefather or before, that  
so sone as an inquest therof shalbe re-  
toured into the Chauncerye by any  
Eschetour other that hath powere  
to enquire therof, the tenaunte shall  
not be putte oute of possessyon, but  
shalbe warned by a Scire facias  
of

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to appere at a certayn day for to answer vnto the same, yf he wyll. And if no suche forfaytour be founde the kynges hande shalbe closed, so that in all other cases of forfeitures of treason by persyns deceased not attaynted, nor iudged in theyr lyues, theyr heires nor land tenantes shall not be chalenged nor empeched of any other forfaytures, but of those onelye that haue ben iudged in time passed afore the death of certayne persons, by p[re]sment in Eyre or in the kynges benche as of felons of the kyng and other. And therfore it semethe þ if one moue warre agaynst the king in his realme, and is slain in the same then the Elcheatour maye sease the landes and tenements, as forfeiture of warre without any other enquiry to be made therof.

¶ Every Elcheatour must take his inquestes of office of good & lawfull men

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men sufficient of inheritauce and of good fame and of the same countye wher the inquire shalbe made, And y<sup>e</sup> inquisites shalbe indented betwen theschetours and the Jurrours, and yf it be other wyse doone they shalbe voyde and they shalbe take in good townes openly.

¶ Trauerse may be taken to theschetours office wherby anye alienacion or dyeng sealed, or that the heyre is wythin age and the lande holden of the king in chiefe is founde.

¶ Landes sealed into the kinges handes by reason of warde shalbe kepte without wast and theschetours shal haue no fee of venisō fishe nor other thyng but shall answer the kynge of the issues and yerey profites arrysing of the said landes without wast. And if he do other wise thē to make fine at the kinges wil, and to payterble damages at the sute of y<sup>e</sup> heire as

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well within age, as of full age. And  
yf he be wythin age, his frendes shall  
haue the suite of him answeringe to  
the heyre of that, that so shal be reco-  
uered of him, Concerning other lan-  
des seased into the kinges handes by  
inquest of office by theschetoure this  
foresaid ordinaunce and punishment  
shal hold place against the schetoure  
And if any make clayme to landes so  
beyng seased thescheatoure shall re-  
tourne an inqueste into the Chaunce-  
rye wythin one Moneth after suche  
sealer, so that a writ be deliuered to  
him to certyfie the cause of the sealer  
and ther shall the partye be harde to  
trauerse the offyce, or other wyse to  
shewe his ryghte. And the Chaun-  
celloz vppon his owne discrecion (yf  
he se cause) may seasse the landes to  
the tenaunte payeng to the king the  
value if it belong to the kyng so that  
he finde suretyes that he shall do no  
wast



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waſt vntyll it be adiudged. And the  
Eſcheatoures ſhall take theꝝ In-  
queſtes in good towneſ, & by honeſt  
men openly by Indeture to be made  
between theſchetour and them of the  
inqueſt and if he do contrary to this  
ordinaunce the to haue two yere im-  
pꝛiſonment, and further to make fine  
at the kinges pleaſur. An. xxxvi. Ed-  
wardi. iii. Capitulo. xxi.

Non ſhalbe Eſchetour if he haue  
not. xx. li lande at the leaſt oꝝ moꝝe in  
fee and that thei execute theꝝ offyce  
in proper perſon. And yf he be other-  
wiſe then to be put out wherby it ap-  
peareth that the Subeſchetour can  
not inquire noꝝ fynd offyce anno. xii.  
Edwardi. iii. Capitulo. v.

Eſcheators noꝝ commyſſioners,  
ſhall not tak inqueſte, but by thoſe  
that be impanelled & returned bi the  
ſhiriffe, & if they do otherwiſe & be co-  
uict by examanacio oꝝ otherwiſe at ſ

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ſuyte of the partye or of the kinne, or any other perſon that wyll ſue, they ſhall incurre the peyne of, xl. li. the moytie to him at whoſe ſuyt thei ſhal be conuyct And that no landes ſeaſed into the kinges hands ſhal be let to ferme by the Chauncellour vntyll the inqueſte and verdytes be retourned into the chauncerye and by one moneth after the ſame retourne, except it be to the partye greued which was put out of thoſe lands by the inqueſtes and wil offre to trauerſe the and ſhewe good euydence, and find ſufficiente ſurety to ſue hys trauerſe with effecte, and to paye to the king the yearelye value of the lands yf it had to be diſcuſſed for the kyng and yf any letterspatentes of any landes or tenemētes to the cōtrary be made to any other perſon then to him that offereth to trauerſe or be let to ferme within a moneth nexte to y<sup>e</sup> ſaid moneth

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nethe of retourne they shalbe boyde,  
and holden for non. Anno. viii Hen-  
rici vi. capitulo. xix.

**E** Exonerers and commissioners  
shall retourne the inquest taken be  
fore them into the chancery or in the  
chequer within on moneth next after  
the takynge of the same, upon payne  
of. xx. li. the one moitie to the kynge,  
the other to him that wyl sue. Anno.  
viii. Henrici vi capitulo. xix.

**A**nd if any Exonerer take any  
office before him, and do not retourn  
the same into y<sup>e</sup> chancery or the sche-  
ker within the moneth next after y<sup>e</sup>  
takynge thereof he shall incurre the  
payne of. xl. li forfayte by the statute  
made. Anno viii. Henrici. vi and fur-  
ther shalbe bounde to pai to the king  
as much as he is endamaged by the  
not retourning of the same and that  
the chauncellour of Englad calling  
to him the treasurer of Englad may

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lease such fermes for the due execu-  
cyon of the sayd estatute. Neuerthe-  
lesse it appereth y<sup>e</sup> the same estatute  
gyneth but. xx. li. of forfayt agaynste  
Thescheatour or commaissioner, ther  
fore serch for the true recorde of both  
the statute an. xviii. Henrici. vi. capi-  
tulo septimo.

**T**hescheatours muste take they<sup>r</sup> in-  
questes of offyce by vertue of y<sup>e</sup> wrytts  
of (diemclausit extremum) and all  
other wryttes within one moneth af-  
ter the receyt of the same, & that such  
inquestes be taken in good townes  
and opē places. And that non of the<sup>m</sup>  
pryvely nor openly by him selfe or by  
other take any thing for the execu-  
ciō of suche wryttes in one countye a-  
boue the summe of. vi. s. viii. d. or. xiii.  
s. iiii. d. or vnder with his labour and  
his costes so that the summe that he  
hath taken all together excede not a-  
boue. xl. s. for the executiō of any such  
wryt

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Wrytte in one county . And yf he do contrary to the premisses then to forsaute the summe of .xl. li the moitie to him that will sue for the kinge and hym selfe. Anno .xxiii , Henrici sexti. Capitulo .xvii.

None shalbe Escheatoure, yf he haue not lands or tenementes to the value of .xx. li wythin the county for terme of lyfe nor in the county wher he is Escheatour, nor no Eschetour shal let his offyce to ferme nor make deputie (other then he will at his pael answer for) whose name he must certifie by his letters patentes to the Tresorer and Barons of thescheker for the tyme beyng within .xx. daies after suche deputacio made and that no suche deputye take bypon hym to occupye in the sayd offyce onles thescheatour haue landes tenementes or rentes to the yerely value of .xx. li. as before is said. And if any persō do cō-

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trary to the premisses or any of them  
then to forfayt for euery default xl.li.  
the one moytpe to him that wil sue, &  
the other to the vse of the kings house  
by accion of dette wher no wager of  
lawe essoygne, or protection shal lye.  
Anno.vii. Edwardi.iiii. Capitulo.ir.

**N**O shryffe escheatour nor other  
person shal sease or take y goodes of  
any person arrested or imprisōed for  
felonye before that the same persō so  
arrested or imprisoned be conuicte or  
attainted of y same felonye accordyng  
to the lawe of England or that the  
same goodes shalbe otherwise forfai  
ted bypon peyne to forfayte the dou  
ble value of the goodes taken to the  
party damaged sueng therfore by  
acion of det wher no wager of lawe  
essoyne nor protection shal lye, anno  
primo.Richardi.iii. Capitulo. iii.

**I**f any Eschetour or commissyo  
ner put in to any of the kings court  
ani

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any inquisition or office concerninge landes or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, not founde nor presented by the othes of .xii. men, and indented and by them sealed then to forfayte for euery suche offence retourned, & put into any of the kinges courtes one. C. li to the parti greued. anno. iiii h. viii. capitul o secundo.

**E** No escheatour nor other commissioner shal set by vertue of any of commission to enquire of landes & tenementes, excepte he haue lades or tenementes, or hereditament to the yerly value of, xl. marke ouer all charges, vpon peyne of. xx. li.

**T**he escheatours and commissioners shal be dyscharged by theyr othes that they may not dispend. xl. Markes ouer all charges and that vpon proces made against them out of the eschequer The escheatours and commissioners shal set in oppen places

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and shall suffer every person to gyue  
evidence openly in theyr presence to  
the inqueste taken before them vpon  
payne of.xx.li.

¶ The Jury shall receyue the coun-  
terpayn of the indenture that shalbe  
presented, indented and sealed bi the  
Escheatour or Commissioner and to  
rest in the possession of the fyrst man  
that was sworne in the same Jurye  
vpon paine of every person that shal  
be sworne.xx.s.

¶ And every Escheatour and Com-  
missioner after y<sup>e</sup> the Jurye is sworn  
and redy to gyue theyr verdite, & of-  
fer to present the same that the same  
Escheatours or Commissioners, or  
parte of theym shal receyue the same  
verdit without further delaye vpon  
payne of a.C.li, and delyuer y<sup>e</sup> coun-  
terpayne of the same indentur to the  
Jurye in fourme before sayd vppon  
the same payne.

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**A**nd yf the Clerke of the petie bag  
or his deputye wyl not receyue such  
offycers, and put it into the files to re-  
maine of record within thys daies af-  
ter it be reciuied or offered to be recei-  
ued, he to forfait for euery such de-  
fault. xl. li. and the commissioner, & es-  
cheatoure to be discharged of the pe-  
naltie of forty pound limited by the  
Statute for none retournyng of the  
same offyces, or inquisicion wythin  
one moneth.

**A**nd lyke lawe and penaltie to be  
agaynste the offycers in the kynges  
escheker which ought to receiue such  
inquisition, for refusing so to receiue  
thē. And the cōmissioners and esche-  
tours to be discharged of the penalty  
for non retournyng of the same inqui-  
sicion so that the sayd eschetours or  
cōmissioners at any time after y mo-  
neth of suche office before thē found or  
be fore any of thē within an other mo-  
neth

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then next ensuiſing retorne the ſayde office into the Chauuncerye, or eſchequer as the caſe ſhall require, and the clerke of the petie bagge to certifye y<sup>e</sup> tranſcribe euerye ſuche offyce taken befoze ani Commiſſioner or eſcheatour into the eſchequer the next terme folowing the reſreit thereof, vppon paine of .C.s. for euery ſuche defeaute

And no man be compelled to occupy the office of eſcheatour by ani patent ouer one hole yeare and that he that is ones eſchetour ſhall not be eſchetour againe within .iii. yeres next after the ſaid hole yere ended.

If ani eſcheatour exercyſe his office by reaſon of ani patent ouer the time of a hole yeare ended or be made Eſcheatour within thre yeres after then after the ſayd hole yeare ended this patente ſo made to be void and the partie greued ſhall haue his recouerye of euery of the ſaid forſaytours

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faitours of one hundreth pounce by  
accion of det whre no wager of law  
essoine nor protecion to be allowed  
Ther be diuers prouisions made for  
diuers eschetours in Cities and Bo-  
oughes and in diuers counti es.

¶ And yf the landes or tenementes  
of any man be seased into the kings  
hande by vertue of ani office found  
before the escheatour or Commissio-  
ner or by reason of ani other recorde  
founde in the chauncerye, or thesche-  
ker, and he that so is put out of hyg-  
andes by reason of such recorde, or  
office so founden come and trauerse  
hat recorde or offyce and it is found  
for him wherupon he hath his iudge-  
ment that the kinges handes be clo-  
sed and amoued, now yf it so be that  
therbe another record or office found  
remaining amongst the kinges re-  
cordes which is not trauersed nor cri-  
ed yet shal not cheschetoure sease the  
lands

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landes agayne in the kinges handes by reason of that record being found and not trauersed, And yf he do the both he, wronge and extorcion, and the partye that is put out shall haue assise agaynst him, and shall recouer double damages agaynst him. But in this case the king must sue a Scire facias agaynst him that hath the landes out of his handes vppon this other record of office y was not trauersed before. Thys is gyuen by the statute Lincolne called the statute of escheatours. an. xix. edward. ii.

¶ And if thescheatour by colour of his office without warant or auctoritie of the law that be longeth to his office disseale any man of his landes or tenementes the party that is dysseised, shall haue an assyse of Nouell disseison, and shall recouer double damages agaynst thescheatour. West i. Capitulo. xxi.

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**T**he escheatours hath no power to amercye any man that appeareth before him and myspeineaneth hym selfe or if the Jurrours that be somoned appere before do make Defaute, he shall recorde suche thinges in hys rolle as hall not amercy þ Jurrours, but he shall send the same recorde to the Justices in eyre or to the Justices of Assise, when thei come into the countrey.

**I**t shalbe lesfull to the shiriffe, Justice of peace and escheatours to lease to the kinges vse all such goodes and cattelles that suche persons as come within this realme that be called egipcians haue, and therfore to make accompt to the king in his eschequer, and to retaine and kepe the moitye therof to his owne vse and accompt for the residue, & to pay no fee for the accōpt, nor for his discharge thereof

**T**he office of Constables.

For

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**F**or as much as the office of a Constable was an offyce at the common law of long continuance and was first ordeyned for the conseruacyon of the kynges peace to be hadde and kept in euery towne amonge the kynges subiectes ther dwellinge somewhat shall be spoken . And howe farforthe theyr power doth extende, and what pēalties are prouyded agaynste them, for not executyng theyr offycers.

**W**ho wer conseruatoures of the peace at the comynon lawe

**I**t is nowe to be sene for the conseruacion of the peace what persons by the comon law had auctoriti ther in before the making of y<sup>e</sup> estatutes wherby Justycers of the peace are ordeyned And it semeth that by y<sup>e</sup> comon law diuers persons wer conseruatoures of the peace for at the comon law ther was on person which  
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is called chiefe Justyce of England to whom the Kyng commytted hys auctoryte in the mynistracion of Justyce for thinges touchynge hys corone, and for the conseruation of his peace among his subiectes throughout al his realme. And that is prouid by the wyrt which the kyng sendeth to him that he shall holde his place in the ministracion of Justice to his subiects in the fourm abouesaid throughout al his realme, wherby it doth appere that the same chiefe Justyce is high cōseruatour of þ peace throughout all the counties of England, and in euery parte of the realme wher he goeth. Also ther be other persons conseruatoures of the peace throughout the realme, as the Steward of Englande, the Marshall, and the Constable of England. Also the Constable of euery towne wer and be keepers of the peace by þ comon law lyke wyse

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the high Constables of hundredes,  
wapetakes, lathes, or tithings wer  
a be conseruatoures of the peace by  
the comon law, within y towne or  
hundredes, and within theyr limits  
And before the making of the statu-  
tes, wherby Justicers of y peace are  
orderyed, the king by his commissiō  
made conseruation of the peace in  
those countiees & places (where him  
thought best to kepe his peace. And  
the authoritie which conseruatours  
of the peace had by the comō law, is  
the same authoritie that a constable  
of a towne or wapetake hath at this  
day, the which I shal partly touche.  
If one make assaulte vpon the con-  
stable, the constable may defēd him,  
and may take him and commit him  
to the gale, vntil he haue found sure-  
tie to kepe the peace, though that the  
assaulte were made vpon him selfe.  
As it appereth. Michā. quinto. Hen-



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rici septimi, in the title Barre. Hoch  
more then yf a constable se one mas  
kinge assaulte vpon a straunge per  
son he may take him, and comynpte  
him to prison, or to the gayle. vntyll  
he haue founde surety to kepe the  
peace.

And yf one man threate an other  
wher vpon he that is threatened co  
meth to the Constable, and sheweth  
his matter and prayeth him to coma  
pell him that so threatened hym to  
fynde surety: in this case the Const  
bles and the partie that is threatened  
may go, and compell him that so dyd  
make such threatening to fynde su  
ertie to make the peace and if he wil  
not they may comynpt him to ward  
vntyll he hath founde such surety  
as you may se. R. iiii. Edwardi.  
tercii, in the tytle of Barre.

And yf one be stricken in parell of  
beth it is the office of the constable of  
G. ii. the

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the towner to arrest the offender, and to kepe hym in pryson tyl he be knownen whether the party so stricken wil liue or dye or vntyll he hath founde surety to appere before the Justicers of Gaile deliuary, or at such time as he shalbe called vppon to appere before the Justicers at their discrecion. And if one fye for felonye it is the office of the Constable of the towne to sease his goodes and to kepe them and if they happe to be unpaired in his keping he shal answere for them to the king. ii. Edward. iii. in the Cite of Northampton. But by the statute made i. Richardy tercii. capi. iii. that is chaunged, And if felons or murderers be in the towne and the constable haue knowledg therof it is hyg offyce and dutye to assemble people for to take them. And if one take a felon in the towne and bying him to the constable to be

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cōveyed to the gayle the constables  
offyce is to carpe him thither and to  
cause other of the town to ayde and  
assyste him in so doyng.

And note that constables wer or-  
deyned for two intentes, that is to  
wit, to kepe the peace, and also to re-  
presse felons to take surety by obly-  
gacion of such persons as they shall  
fynde makynge affrayes

¶ It appertaineth to the office of the  
chefe constable of England to haue  
conusauce of dedes of armes and cō-  
tractes touching dedes of armes and  
of war out of the realme and in lyke  
maner all thynges touchinge armes  
withyn the realme which can not be  
determined by the comon law as it  
appereth clerely by the statute made  
the xiii yere of Richard. ii. capitu. ii.

Also it appereth by y statute made  
An. i. H. 4. cap. xiiii. y all appeal to be  
made of thynges don out of y realme

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of England shalbe cryed and deter-  
mined before the constable and Mar-  
shall of England for the time being.

¶ Also when battayle is ioyned in a  
wynt of ryght or in appeale that shal  
be derained before the constable and  
Marshall, how be it the Justices must  
se the batayle don by cause that thei  
be properly Judges therof and not  
the Constables nor the Marshall.

¶ And the constable haue manye  
other autorities as well by the comō  
lawe as by estatutes made the which  
you may se ther

¶ In, vii. Ed. iiii. it is said that Gar-  
dines of the peace at the comonlawe  
may inquire of congregacions and  
vnlawful assemblies, and of disseaso  
wyth force but not do entrees wyth  
force. But now by the statute if one  
entre wyth force or of disseason wyth  
force or entre peasablye, and kepe  
possession wyth force the Justices of  
peace

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peace may make restytution of the  
partye, and put him in possession by  
theyr wytt dyrected to the Shryffe

**C**onstables in the townes wher  
they beare office may arrest me that  
go or ryde armed in fayres, or mar-  
kettes by day or by night, and take  
theyr armour as forfayt to the king  
and impryson them at the kings ple-  
sure. An. li. E. xcii. at northampton.

**T**he kynges purueyours oughte  
to make their purueyance for the kin-  
ges house, by the constable, and four  
honest men of the towne wher such  
purueyance shalbe made withoute  
threatynge. And in presence of the  
Constables. Tayles shall be made  
and sealed with the seales of the ta-  
kers, betwene the sayd takers, and  
the parties of whome the goodes be  
taken. And yf any taker make hys  
pryse otherwise it shalbe don with hi  
as woth a thefe. An. cxii. E. iii. Capit.

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**Constables of townes must arrest**  
**such as passe by night, of whom sus-**  
**pection is had, and deliuer the to the**  
**Sheriffe, there to remain in warde**  
**untill they be duely deliuered. Also**  
**they must arrest suche as be called**  
**robberdes me, whasters, & Draw-**  
**latches (if suspicion be had of anye**  
**suche) be it by night or day, and de-**  
**liuer theym to the Shyriffe untill the**  
**comming of the Justicers of Gaile**  
**Deliuery. an. v. ed. iii. Capi. xiiii.**

**It is ordained that none shal take**  
**for threshing a quarter of wheate or**  
**corne aboue two pence. ob. and for a**  
**quarter of barly, beanes, pees, & otes**  
**i. d. ob. if so much haue bene bled to**  
**be geuen, and in the countrey wher**  
**they vse to repe by the shefe, & thresh**  
**by the bushel, they shal take no more**  
**nor other wise. And that such labou-**  
**ers and other seruaunts shal make**  
**an othe two times in the yere before**  
**lordes**

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Lordes, Stewards, Bayliffes, and  
constables of euery towne, to do and  
kepe this ordinaunce, and that none  
of the shal go out of the town wher  
they dwelled in winter, for to serue  
in somer (if he can haue serue in the  
same towne) sauing to the folke of  
counties of Stafford, Darby, Lan-  
caster, Crauen, and the marches of  
Wales, their fre liberty to labour in  
other countreis, in the time of august  
And they that refuse to make suche  
othe, or to performe that thing that  
they haue sworn and taken vpon the  
shalbe put in the stocks by the sayd  
Stewards, Bayliffes, Constables,  
of townes by the space of thre daies  
or more, and shalbe sent after to the  
next gayle, and ther to remaine vn-  
till they wyl be ordered, & that there  
be stocks in euery towne for y same  
intent, And the Stewards, Bay-  
liffes, and constables, shall make

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othe before Justicers assygned to en-  
quyre diligently of al the that offend  
agaynst this ordynaunce, and to cer-  
tyfy theyr names before the same Ju-  
stycers when they shal come into the  
countre ey to kepe theyr sessions upon  
which certificat made the same Ju-  
sticers shal cause the to be attached  
by theyr bodies to appere before the  
said Justicers, to answer vnto such  
contemptes, so that if they be attayn-  
ted they shal make fine and ransom  
and further to be comaunded to pry-  
son vntyl they haue found suerty to  
serue in maner aboue sayd. And the  
Justycers at every tyme & they shal  
come into the countrey shal inquire  
of Stewardes Bayliffes, and cōsta-  
bles whether they haue made good  
and laweful certyficat or haue coun-  
sealed ought for any gyfte, procure-  
mente, or affinitie and shall puny-  
theim by fyne and ransome yf they  
be



of constable

besounde gyty. Anno. xrb. Edwardi  
tercii Capitulo secundo and octauo-  
¶ Constables of townes wher as  
faytours , or vagaboundes resorte  
haue power to examyne theym dylly  
gently, and compel them to find surer  
tye of theyr good behauoure by suffy-  
cyent mainpernours dyscreinable in  
case that any defaulte be founden in  
suche faytours , and vagaboundes.  
And yf they cannot fynd such surer-  
tye to be sente vnto the next gaile  
ther to remaine vnto the cumming  
of the Justicers of gayle delyuere,  
which haue auctoriti to do with such  
faytours and vagaboundes as thei  
shal thinke best to be don by the lawe  
Anno primo Richardi secundi. ca. v,  
¶ Constables of Townes may ar-  
reste ani seruaunt labourer cumming  
to the towne from any place vaga-  
raunt onlesse he haue a letter contay-  
ninge the case of his goynge and the  
time

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tyme of his retourne vnder the kyn-  
ges seale that ther to shalbe assigned  
and deliuered to the custodie of some  
honest man of the hundred wapen  
take, cite, or Boroughe accordynge  
to the discrecion of y<sup>e</sup> Justices of peace  
And the constable maye put hym in  
the stockes, and kepe hym vntyll he  
haue found surety to retourne to his  
seruyce or to serue in the towne from  
whence he came, vntyll he haue a let-  
ter to depart vppon cause reasonable  
Anno. xii. Richardi. ii. capitulo. iiii.

**T** Constables haue power to arrest  
seruauntes and labourers that bear  
aboute them hangarde, dagger, or  
knyfe, and to sease the said weapons  
as forfayte, and them to kepe vntyll  
the Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> Justices of peace  
before whom they shall presentsuche  
wepōs with the names of them that  
bare them excepte that thei trauaile  
in the cōtre one theyr maisters mes-  
sage

of constable

sage. Anno .ciii. Richardi secundi.

Capitulo sexto.

¶ Shyryffes and other the kynges mynisters may take the power of þ countrey to repressse assemblies, and ryottes in outragpous nombze, and to commyt them to pryson. An. xviij. Richardi secundi. Cap octauo. It seemeth by these words (the kinges mynisters) that Constables of townes haue power to do so by thys acte as well as the Shyryffs.

¶ Constables maye arreste seruantes laborers, and impryso the by the space of fyre dayes which vse not bowes and arrowes vpon Sondaies and such other festiual days which wyl not leaue vterly all playeng at the baile as well wyth hand as with foote and other games called coites dyce, castyng of the stone keiles, and al other lyke unportuhe games. An. xi. Henrici quarti. Capitulo quarto.

con.

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**C**onstables and all the kinges ly  
ege people that are able to trauaile  
within the countrie must be assisting  
and aiding to the Justicers of peace  
and the Shyriffe to repressse great  
ryottes, and vnlawefull assemblies  
vpon peine of imprisonment and to  
make fine and raunsome. Anno se-  
cundo. Henrici quinti capitulo, viii.

Constables shalbe made in euery  
partie of the marches of Wales, and  
market townes to enquire serchand  
arreste suche persons that carpe by-  
taile or armour to any parte of Wa-  
les without the kinges lycence whi-  
che constables shal haue the syxte  
part of the forfayt for theyr traueile.  
Anno quarto. Hen. iii. capitulo xxvi.

Constables of porte towns wher  
souldyours that haue ben retayned  
in wages to serue in warre beyonde  
the see or vppon the see and departe  
frome theyr Capittaines, and tourne  
backe

of constable

backe, & arrive in anye porte of Eng-  
land, without licence of theyr cap-  
taine vnder his seale ) maye arreste  
such souldiours, and kepe them vn-  
till enquire be made of them, and if  
it may be proued by enquire befoze  
Justicers of the peace, and proues  
that they haue mustred of recozde &  
departed from their capitaine (as be-  
foze is sayde) withoute licence, then  
they to be punished as felons. Anno  
rbsii. Henrici sexti. capitulum. xii.

The constables, Tithingmen, and  
chiefe pledges of euery towne must  
assist and aide the owners & sellers  
of any goodes wher the kinges pur-  
ueiours wil make their purueiance  
or bargain of any goodes to y<sup>e</sup> value  
of. xl. s. or vnder of any person (& wil  
not pay prest paymente in hande: in  
whiche case it shalbe lawoful to euery  
one of the kinges lieges, to retayne  
them, and to resist such purueiours,  
and

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and not to suffre theim to make any  
such purueiour. And if the Consta-  
ble. Tything man, or chiefe pledge by  
requyred to ayde or assyste any man,  
in makynge such resistance and he re-  
fuse it, he shall paye to the partye gre-  
uyd the value of the thyng so taken  
by accyon of dette with the damagys  
to the double, Anno. .x. Henrici sexti  
Capitulo. xiiii.

¶ Constables may arreste puruei-  
ours or biers of any lord or other per-  
son (except purueiours for the kynge  
and Quene) which take any bytyle  
or cariag against the will of the owo-  
uers, and to commit them to the next  
prison of the kinges ther to remaine  
without baile, and mainpryse, untill  
they haue delyuered all the saide by-  
tayles, or cariag, and other thinges  
so taken. And yf the Constables do  
otherwise whē they be required thei  
shal forfayt twentie pounde . The  
moyte

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moytie to be to þ party from whome  
the goodes wer taken to be recou-  
red by accyon of Det wherin þ Defen-  
daunt shall not wage his labo anno.  
xx.henricii Capitulo, xiii.

**C**lothyers shal pay to carders spi-  
ners, and other labourers laboerfull  
mony for theyr wages and carders,  
Fullers, and other labourers shal do  
theyr duety vpon payn of double da-  
mages And the Constables of the  
hūdred or Constable may heare and  
determine the complayntes of euery  
such clothier and labourer aswoel for  
none payment of the sayd wages of  
labourers as of the sayd forfaytours  
and damages by due examinacion of  
the partyes in that behalfe, & further  
for none paiment of the sayd duettes  
forfaitures and damages to commit  
the trespassours to the nexte gayl in  
the same countie vntyll the sayd due-  
ties forfaitours & damages be duely  
payed

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payed vnto the said labourers or clothiers An.iiii. Edwardy.iii. Capitulo primo.

**E**uery hyghe Constable or petre Constable shalbe take or cause to be take al vagabundes ydle people and suspect persons liuinge suspiciously and set thym in the stocks and ther to remayn by on day and on nyght and to haue none other sustynauce but breade and water and then to a uoyde the towne wher they wer taken into such place or hūdreth wher they were borne or wher they laste dwelled by the space of thre yeaers. And if of sonesthey be taken in such default then they to be set like wyse into y stocks by thre daies and thre nyghtes with lyke diet. An.xix henrici septimi capitulo. xii.

**E**Constables & other head offycers and euery of thē finding or knowing any person vsyng or exercysinge any  
vnlaw



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unlawful games as tenes play bot-  
les, clashe, and all other unlawfull  
games prohibited by many statutes  
shal haue full power to commit to e-  
uery such offendour to ward, there  
to remaine about bayle or mainpris,  
til such time he or they so offendinge  
be bounden by obligation to the kin-  
ges vse in such sum as by discrecion  
of y<sup>e</sup> saime officer shalbe thought rea-  
sonable, that they from hence forth  
shal not vse any unlawful games.

Anno. vi. Hen. viii. Ca. ii.

For wages for boatemmen, and for  
theyr barges or botes, or for a barge  
from London to Grauesende. iii. s.  
or els euery person and his male. ii. d.  
fro Lōdō to Greth, grenwich, Gra-  
storke, or Purflete. xii. d. or els for  
euery person and his ferdel. i. d. so it  
passe not. xii. d. From Londō to wul-  
wich. xiii. d. for a bote or wherry y<sup>e</sup> is  
the tide bote, or els euery person. ob.

H. ii.

from

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From London to Grenewiche.iiii.d  
or els.ob.for euerye person and his  
fardel. frō London bridge or saint  
Mary Dueres, or poules wharfe to  
Westminster.iii.d.or els euery persō  
a.ob.From the black friers, bridwel  
and the temple to Westminster, or  
Lambeth.ii.d.with their males, or  
els euery person.ob.so that it amoūt  
to.ii.d. frō westminster to lambeth  
or stamegate, one.ob.for a bote from  
London to Mortlake.xii.d, or els e-  
uery person.ii.d.with his male. And  
frō those places aboue named to lō-  
don for a bote, or barge like summes  
to be payed. And these articles to be  
kepte bypon paine to forsaite treble  
the fare. And Baylyffes, Constables  
and other the kinges officers, nexte  
adioyninge to the feryes, vpon com-  
plaint to them made, or to any of thē  
by thē that be greued in that behalf  
may arrest them and commit them  
to

of Shyreffes

to ward for ther misdemeanour, and  
to make fyne for the same. An. vi. hen  
rici viii. Capitulo.

¶ By the statute made. An. xxii. H.  
viii how impotent persons shalbe  
ordered to begge and haue theyr ly-  
uinge It is ordeyned that if any im-  
potent persons auctorysed to beg, do  
begge in any other place then withi  
the lymittes to him assigned then the  
Constables and all other the kinges  
offycers shal by their discretion pu-  
nysh the all such persons by imprison-  
ment in the stocks by the space of .ii.  
daies and two nightes gyuing them  
but onely breade and water and af-  
ter that to cause eury such person to  
be swoorne to return againe without  
delaye to the hundred, Kape, Citie  
Boroughe, Town Parisshe, or fraun-  
chyse, wherein they be auctorysed to  
begge, in.

¶ And if any impotent person be va-  
h.iii. garant

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garant and go a begging, and haue  
such letter vnder seale as is specified  
by this statute then the constables &  
al other inhabitauntes within suche  
Townes oz parisse, shal cause euery  
such begger to be taken & brought to  
y next Justice of peace oz his consta-  
ble of the hundredh and therupon y  
said Justices of, peace oz high consta-  
ble shal comaund the said constables  
and inhabitants of the town oz pa-  
risshe, which shall bring before hym  
any such begger that they shall strip  
him naked from the middle bpward  
& cause him to be whipped within y  
town wher he was taken, oz wher  
the same Justices of peace oz highe  
constable shall appoynt, and yf not  
then to comaunde such begger to be  
set in the stockes in y same towne oz  
parisse wher he was taken by the  
space of thre dayes and thre nightes  
to haue onely bread and water and  
there

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therbyon the sayd Justices or highe  
cōstables shal limit a place to y<sup>e</sup> same  
begger to begin. And to giue him a  
letter vnder scale in fourme before ly  
mitted & to swere him to repaire thy  
ther immediatly after his punysshes  
ment executed.

And all other persons being hole  
and mighty in body that do beggeth  
constable of the hūdzeth rape or wa  
pentake wherin such persons shalbe  
so takē and the Justices of peace, or  
high Constable (before whome they  
shalbe broughte) by their discrecions  
shal cause them to be brought to such  
places wher they thinke cōueinent &  
ther to be whipped naked through y<sup>e</sup>  
town or market, & thē to be sworne  
to returre to the place wher he was  
borne or wher he last dwelled by the  
space of thre yeares and to haue a let  
ter vnder the scale witnesinge that  
he hath bene punished.

### The offyce

**A**lso al persons that abiure to any sanctury within this realme shalbe conueyed therunto by the constabls of euery towne ship that is frō towne to towne til that he cōe vnto y<sup>e</sup> same sanctuarie wherunto he is abiured in lyke maner and fourme as persōs that had abiured this realme, should haue ben cōueyed to the nexte port of the sea frome the place wher they be adiured vnto the same port bi course of the commōlaw before the making of this estatute. An.xii. Henrici octau Capitulo.xiii.

Euery fermour oz owner of landes tenementes, oz hereditamētes, wher of the yerely value oz rent amoūteth to, v. ponde, whiche manuereth the same shall pay to euery person which by his dylygence and labour at hys owne costes taketh any olde crows and rookes oz choughes bypon the same landes tenementes, oz hereditamētes

of Shyreffes

tenemētes of the yerely value aforesaid  
two pēns for euery twelue olde cro-  
wes rokes or choughes, and .i.d. for  
vi. and one ob, for thre olde crows,  
rokes or choughes. And yf any fer-  
mour or owner refuse to paye the  
sayd money accordyng as is afores-  
sayd then vpon complaint and profe  
made therof to any Iustice of peace  
or highe Constable, the same Iustice  
or high Costable shal cause the same  
money to be leuied by dystresse of y  
goodes and cattels of euery such fer-  
mour or occupier of the same landes  
and tenemētes. An. xiiii. henrici. viii.  
Capitulo. x.

Wher it is ordeyned by an esta-  
tute made in the vii. yere of kynge  
Richardi the second capitulo. ix. that  
he which espieth and proueth defau-  
tes in any clothes put to sale cōtrari  
to the assise therof ordeined touchig  
clothes & cōtrary to the sayd estatute  
h. v. shuld

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should haue the thirdeparte of euery  
such clothe beinge defectiue for hys  
laboure by the deliuerie of the Sher-  
riffes yf they be present or els of the  
lordes of faires & markets or of ste-  
wardes Baylyffs or Constables of  
townes wher such defectiue clothes  
shalbe found, by Indentur betwene  
them to be made the whiche shall be  
delyuered euery yere into the scheke-  
at the feast of saynt Michel by them  
that shal make such deliuerie, to thin-  
tent to charge the auuagoures, and  
Coillours, by whom such maner of  
defaultes ought to be searched and a-  
mended, anno vii. R. ii. Cap. ix.

**E**f any person shyppe marchaun-  
dyle of the Staple in places suspecte  
adioyning to the costes of the water  
and maketh no Indentures therof  
betwene him & the Mayre or Consta-  
ble of the towne they sha'be forfayte  
and the kyng shall haue the moitie  
and



of Whorettes

and the lord of the towne and he that  
found and sealed suche wares, shall  
haue the other moytie, and it is law-  
ful for euery person to serue in these  
causes. Anno. xiiii. Henrici sexti capi-  
tulo quinto.

¶ It is ordeyned that a horse man  
shall paye for passage at Douer thre  
shyllynges and a foteman, vi. d. and  
the Constable of Douer to punyſhe  
them that do the contrary at the suit  
of the party that wil complain,  
and shall do him ryght in that  
behalfe. Anno quarto Ed-  
wardi tercii. Capi-  
octauo

Here foloweth the office of  
the Coroner.

The offyce

**F**or to declare plainely the of-  
fice of a coroner it appeareth  
by the Statute of Magna  
carta in the xv. chapter & no coroner  
ought to hold any plea of & corōe but  
Bretō declareth the office of a Coro-  
ner in foure folowinge.

**F**irst that in euery county Coro-  
ners shalbe the principall cōseruators  
of the peace to bere records of al plee  
of the Crowne of abiuraciōs village  
rier and such like And the Coroners  
shall make an othe befoze the shyriffe  
in the full cōūtie, that they shal make  
theyr inquestes encollementes, and  
al that to the coroners offyce apper-  
tayneth lawfully, & without askinge  
allowance. And yf any felony chūce  
or treasour be founde, or any womā  
raushed or prison broken, or any mā  
wounded nyghe vnto death, the Co-  
roners (so sone as he shal know ther  
of)

of Shyreffes.

of shall sende to the Shyryffe, and  
Bayliffes of the places (where suche  
auētūre shal happē) to cause to come  
before hi by a certaine day at y place  
(where such chaunce befell) foure of  
the next towneshippes and other, if  
ne de be, by whom he shall enqyre  
the veritie, and shal compel y towne  
shippes to sweare vpon the saintes  
to shewe the truth of those articles y  
he shal demaund of them. Then shal  
the Coroner & the Jurours viewe  
the bodie, and the wounds, and the  
strokes, and immediatly after suche  
viewe had, the body shall be buried.  
And if the Coroner fynde the bodye  
buried before his comming, he shall  
recorde the same, neuertheles he shall  
not omit to digge vp the bodye, and  
make it be viewed opeuly of y tow-  
nes. And those Jurours which haue  
ben somoned, and come not to y in-  
queries of coroners shal be amerced  
at

The offyce.

at the cūming of the Justicers at the  
fyrst assises in those counties, so that  
such defaultg be entred in þe coroners  
rol: so þe coroner shall haue no po-  
wer to amercy no mā for any default  
**C** And when the inquest is swozne  
the coroner must inquire if any per-  
son wer slain by felony, or by misad-  
uenture, & whether the felony were  
done within a house or wout, & al the  
circūstāce. And after it shalbe inquy-  
red who were present at the deede, &  
who be culpable of the aide, force, cō-  
maundemēt, cōsent or reiect of suche  
felonies wittingly. And if the Coro-  
ner haue any suspicion of the fyrste  
inquest for concealment of the truth  
or if it be nedeful to enquire better,  
and by other, then shall he enquire  
diuers times, and all such as therof  
shall happeto be indited, the Shy-  
riffes shall take in all the hast, if they  
may be founden, and if not, the Co-  
roners

of Shyreffes.

roners shal enquire who they be, and who hath withdrawn them selues for the occasion. And the Shireif shal forthwith cause their landes to be seased, and afterwarde all theyr goodes, and cause theym to be praysed by lawfully inquest, and the goodes woth the prices shalbe enrolled into the Coroners rolle, and shal be deliuered to the towneshippe for to be answerable therfore vnto the kinge in case the partye soundyted fyve and wyl not stande to righte.

¶ And after they shal enquire if he that is indited dydde euer fynd suretye to kepe the kinges peace, and the names of his mainpernours, which he shal enter into his rolle.

¶ And yf the plaintife wyl sue & appeale within the yere and the day then shal he fynde twoe suffreyent pledges to the Shyreffe of that Countrey, dystreynable within the

The offyce.

the same to sue his appele accordyng  
to the law of the land And then shal  
the Coroner cause the Appeale to be  
entred with the names of the pledgs  
and after it shalbe commaunded vnto  
the Seriaunte of the countye wher  
such felony is done ( which as me se-  
meth is the Shyryffe or his Bailiffe  
errant ) that he haue the body at the  
nexte countye. And if the Seriaunte  
retourne at the seconde countye that  
he can to fynde them then shall it be  
awarded that the princypal beyng  
appealed of the. dede shalbe solemply  
called to stand ryght touchyng the  
same felony, and so shalbe called frōe  
countye to countye vntyll they come  
or be outelawed And if the plaintife  
make defaute at anye countye, then  
shall theristente passe vntill the com-  
minge of the Iustices of the kinges  
benche, or the iustices in Eyre in the  
countye. And if the principal be out-  
lawed

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lawed, the exigentes shal go forth  
immediately against the accessories  
& when they shal be outlawed with-  
drawn, or suspected, the coroner shall  
enquire at whose finding such a fugi-  
tife hath bene, and accordinge vn-  
to the verdit he shal enroll, and then  
enquyre of the landes and goodes  
of the fugityfe. And if they appere be-  
fore the outlawrie, they shalbe reple-  
uiable. And if y felony were don out  
of the house the coroner shal enquire  
who founde the bodye fyrste, and he  
shalbe taken and let go vnder sure-  
ties. And that no Furour be remo-  
uid by chalēge of any party. Neither  
shall any Coroner take anye thynge  
by himselfe, or by other, nor suffer to  
be taken by his clerke, for doing his  
offyce. And if it be founde that anye  
is dead by misadventure, then shall  
it be inquyred what misadventure,  
as if it be founde that he fell from a

J. i. milne

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Whilne, it shalbe enquired what thinges were then mouinge there, and howe much they be worth, and so if he fel out of a cart. And if one fal out of a ship, nothyng shalbe iudged the cause of his death but the shippe and the thynges that moue therein, and not the marchaundise lyeng therein

And the coroners ought to receiue the confessiō of felonies made by pro-  
uours in presence of the Shryffe, who shall be his Comptrollour in al his office, and such confession he shal cause to be enrolled. And when any person flieth to a church, so sone as the Coroner shal haue knowledg ther-  
of, he shall sende to the Baylyffe of the place, that he shall cause to come before him by a certaine daye the neyghbours, and foure of the nerte towneships adioyninge to the church, and in their presēce shall receiue the confession of the felonye. And if  
the



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the fugitive pray to abiure the realm  
the Coroner shall do that the which  
to his office belongeth.

**A**lso he shall enquire of rape, and  
all the cricumstaunce, the Appeales  
wherof withal other appeales of rob  
berye felonye, and such lyke, he shall  
cause to be entred in his rolle.

**A**lso they shall enquire of treasur  
fouden of wyckes of the sea and of  
Sturgions, and of Whales taken,  
and who were the takers whose na  
mes they shall entrolle and let the go  
by maineprise. And suche thinges as  
shall pappen to be found thay shall  
safely kepe to the kinges vse and the  
Shryffes, and Baylyffes, shalbe al  
waies attendaunt vpo them & their  
conmaundenmentes.

**I**t is ordeyned that throughtoute  
al the counties of England there be  
chosen suffreyent Coroners, of the  
most sage and lawful knyghts that

¶.ii.

may

The office.

maye beste to the same offyce extend  
whiche lawefully shall attache, and  
presente ples of the coroner as wel  
of appeales as of things to the same  
office belonging. And that no Co-  
roner Demaund noz take any thinge  
for doyng his office vppon peyne of  
a greuous forfaytur to the Kynge. i.  
Westm. Capitu xii. But now by the  
statute made. An. i. h. viii. Cap. i. The  
coroner shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. of the  
gooddes of the murderer, And if the  
murder be committed in the day time  
and the murderer escape the coroner  
shall haue. xiii. s. iiii. d. for the escape v  
pon the towne ship.

Also it appeareth by an estatut  
made in the. xiii. yere of Edward the  
fyrste whiche is called the statute of  
Ercester, vnder what order inqury  
shall be made of the defaultes of  
Coroners ( be they alyue or deade )  
wher ye shall se the charge that shall  
be

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be gyuen to the enquestes that shalbe charged to enquire of Coroners, in which charge it appeareth further, what y<sup>e</sup> Coroner ought to do by his office, whiche charge here ensueth.

**T**he fourme of the charge to enquire of the defautes of Coroners according to the statute of Exceter.

**F**irst they shal enquire if the Coroner go in proper person to do his office or not where by it appeareth that he cannot make a Deputie.

ii. Also if he haue sent any other to do his offyce what he was & how often and about what aduentures.

iii. And if he came at euery time of his owngood wyl without delay, or that he or his clarke haue taken any thing for the moze spedy executing of theyr offyce.

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iii. Also if he tary or Delaye to the intent to haue any reward after that he hath knoweledge of the trouthe, and after that he is sente vnto howe often, and in what place and vnder what maner.

vi. Also yf the gooddes of felons taken by him be delyuered to the townes to kepe by a laweful enquest, as they oughte to be and enrolled in his recorde or not.

vi. Also if the Coroner take any thing of any personne for to take a false inqueste for to destroye the right of a nre. or to praise the gooddes for lesse then they be wroth.

vii. Also if he enter any thing in hys rolles otherwise then it was gyuen by the inquest and what thing he, or his clerke toke therfore, and how often & for what thinge he or his clerk toke suche thing

viii. Also yf he or his clerke toke of y  
goodes

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goodes that wer praysed, and pry-  
sed them at lesse then they entred the  
in theyr rolles.

ix. Also if the prises wer not assessed  
by the enqueste,

x. Also yf the towenshyye wer falselye  
charged and of what thyng,

xi. Also if any appeales wer falselye  
enrolled or imbesyled out of the rol-  
les after that they wer entred.

xii. Also if he refuse to take any plaint  
of appeale, for pouertie hate or other  
lyke cause, & what he take for the oc-  
casyō, and of whom, and how much

xiii. Also yf he or hys clarke haue ta-  
ken ought for the goods of the party  
that is deade vpon whose bodye he  
take vewe what thyng it was, and  
howe often he so dyd.

xiiii. Also if he haue entred althe atta-  
che mentes belongyng to his office  
in due maner or if he haue made any  
attachement for to greue any person

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oꝛ to haue of his own and entre it in to his rolles.

rb. Also yf he haue not don his office at all tymes at his owne costes with out takinge ought therfore.

rbi. Also yf he haue consealed ought at any county to procure to be murdered to the greuaunce of any persō and yf he so did then to enquire how often, and for what reward, and for whom, and in what case he so did

rbii. Also if all the attachements hanging, and lawfully receiued be pursued by him as he ought to do for the king oꝛ for the partye, oꝛ cause to be pursued.

rbiii. Also if the goods of such as haue fled the townes wher they dwel for suspicion of felony, wer attached by him, and praised by enqueste, and enroled according therunto & deliuered vnto the townes ( wher those goods were founden) to kepe safelye vntyl  
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the comyng of the Justicers to Eyre. Also yf he suffer appealles or o-  
ther paites to him made to be con-  
ueyed away imbeseled or rayled out  
of the rolles, and if he take ought for  
such falsshed of whom howe muche  
and how many tymes.

11. Item if there were any treasure  
founde in the tyme of the same Coro-  
ner in what place, and what maner  
of treasure and how much, and in  
whose handes it resisteth, & by whose  
deliuerance.

¶ This is the hole charge that Ju-  
sticers in Eyre must giue, for to en-  
quyre of Coroners and of theyr de-  
faultes. Furthermore Justices in  
Eyre may impanell other inquestes  
four and twenty persons of the bodi  
of the county to inquire of the cōceal-  
ment of the first inquestes which did  
enquyre of the defaults of Coroners

¶ When Coroners haue any know

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ledge from the kynges baylyffes, or other honest men of the countrey for to go vnto such as be slaine or sodailly deade or wounded or breakers of houses or to anye place where treasure is sayd be founde they muste go forthwith, and commaunde foure tyue, or sixe, of the next towne shippes that they be afore them at such a day and place, and when they shall come the coroner must make enquire therof in foure folowynge.

**E**fyrste if the person were slain in house or in the fyled in bed or at the tauerne. &c. and who begilty ther eyther of the dede or cosent. &c. And any be in the courte whych wer these so that they cā speke or haue any discrecion and they that be found gilty by inqueste shalbe taken and delpuered to the Shyriffe. And suche as were present and be not gilty shalbe attached butyl the comming of the Justices



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ces and theyr names shalbe wytten  
in the Coroners rolle,

**I**f any be sodaynlye slayne in fyl-  
des or in the woodes it is fyrst to be  
sene whether he wer slayne ther or  
not, and yf he were not slayne ther  
then as nere as they can they shal fo-  
lowe the steppes of him that brought  
the bodi theyther with horse or carte  
yf it be possyble in case the murderer  
be knowen, and yf he be a straunger  
then shall they enquire wher he was  
lodged the nyghte before. And tou-  
chyng such as shalbe founden gilty  
the Coroner shall go immediatly to  
their houses and inquire what good-  
es and landes they haue and howe  
muche they be woorth by the pere.

But by the statute of kyng. Ri. the  
iii. it is ordeyned that the landes and  
goodes of such persons shall not be  
sealed vntyll they be attaynted, or o-  
therwyse couict by course of the law  
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And these thynges thus beyng en-  
quyred the bodyes shalbe buried in  
contynente.

**E**Moreouer they muste enquire of  
such as be drowned or dead sodainly  
and whether they were drowned or  
strangled, or slayne and they must en-  
quire who wer the finder that they  
may be attached. Also they must vie-  
we the length bredth and depnes of  
al woundes and must enquire with  
what weapons and in what place of  
the body. And if the wound be mor-  
tall, the offendour shall be kept vntyl  
it be knowen whether the parti mai  
he hole, and yf the wounde be great  
then he shalbe let go vnder foure, or  
syxe pledges and if it be but lytel the  
two pledges shall suffyce, also they  
must enquire of horse cartes, and o-  
ther thynges wherby any wer slaine  
that they may be praysed and dely-  
uered vt supra.

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**A**lso they shall enquire of wrecke of the see, and if any laye hand vpon it, he shalbe attached by good pledges, and the wrecke shall be praysed and deliuered to the next towshipes. Furthermore hue and crye shalbe leuied vppon all manslaughteres, burglaries, or when any is slaine or in parel of death if it may be. And al shall folowe suche hue and crie, yf they be able & they that do not, shall be attached to appere before the iusticers. &c.

**A**lso if anye person flye into the Church or other halowed place for murdre, felonye, or such like offence, the Coroner vpon knowledg therof shall come thither, and take his confessyon, and if he will abiure the realme, the coroner shall receyue his abiuration, whiche he shall saye in this forme.

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abiuration.

**H**E B E youthys Syr Coroner  
that I. A. B. am a thiefe of one  
horse (oz other lyke thinge) oz a  
man cleare of on mā (oz mo) & a felon  
of our soueraygne lord king Henry  
the eyght, and forasmuch as I haue  
commytted manye euyl deodes and  
felonies in this his realme I here ab  
iure his land for ever, and shal make  
as much haste as I can to the hauent  
of. D. which you haue assigned me; &  
I shall not depart out of y<sup>e</sup> highway  
and if I do I wyl that I be takē as  
a thefe and felon of the king and fur  
ther I shal diligētly seke my passage  
at the place aboue limitted, & I shall  
not abyde ther any lenger then one  
ebbe and on flod, yf I may haue pas  
sage and if I cā haue no passage i so  
much space I shal go euery day into  
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the sea by to my knees & assaye if I  
can get ouer. And if I can not so do  
within forty daies cōtinuing, I shal  
yelde my selfe againe to the churche  
as the kinges thiefe and felon. So  
helpe me God and holydome.

**N**euertheles it semeth that when  
any persō shal abiure, him behoueth  
to shewe the place, the day, and yere  
and in what county he did the felo-  
nie, or murder, whiche confession  
shalbe as an indytement in effecte,  
notwithstanding if he do it not but  
only as before is expessed it is good  
ynough, bycause he is attainted be-  
fore by this abiuration. Howe be it,  
this maner of abiuration is put out  
by y<sup>e</sup> estatute of Henry the. vii. made  
in the. xii. yere of his reigne, where-  
by it is ordayned that suche as wyll  
abiure, shall make their abiuration  
fed al their liberty vnto some saintu-  
ary w<sup>ithin</sup> this realme, ther to remayn  
during

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durynge theyr liues, and shalbe burned in the right hand with this letter A. And if such a persō after ward be taken out of sayntuarie, he shalbe ordred in like maner as one that had abiured the realme before the sayde estatute. And the same persō that so taketh the church shall make his abjuration, and shall take his passage from thence at such a daye and time as the Coroner shall appoynte, and shalbe marked vpon y<sup>e</sup> browe of his thombe on y<sup>e</sup> right hand with a burnynge yron, and shalbe conuayed to the sayntuary (wherunto he is abiured) by y<sup>e</sup> mayres, bayliffes, and constables, in suche facion as they haue bene whiche heretofore had abiured the realme. And if any felon refuse to abiure before the Coroner he shalbe taken out of the saintuary, and shall lese the priuiledge therof. And y<sup>e</sup> is by the statute of. an. rri. H. viii. Capi. ii.

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**A**nd it is ordeyned that none shal be chose Coroner yf he hath not land suffycient within y same countie for to aunswere al persons An.iiii. E.iii. Capitulo.viii.

**A**nd it is further ordeyned y all Coronersshalbe chosen inthe ful cou tie by the commons of the sayd coun tie of the moste conueiente and able persons an.xxviii. E.iii.ca vi.

**T**he Coroner shall enquire vpon the viewe of the body yf he wer slai by day yf the murderer be taken And if the murderer escape the to wneshippe to be amerced, and the Co roner shall enquire of y escape when he inquireth of the death vppon the viewe of the body and the Coroner shall haue for his fee. xiii.s.iiii. d.of the goodes, of the murderer and if he haue no goodes then to haue his fee of such amercyamente as shalbe set vpon the township for the escape.

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And after the murder found the coroner shall certifie his inquisition afore the Justices of the next general Gaile deliuey in the countye. And yf the coroner be remisse and make his inquisition vpon the viewe of y body and certyfie not accordinge as is aforesaid: then the coroner for euery default to forsayt one. s. anno iii. Henrici. vii. capitulo primo.

**I**t is ordeined that vpon enquest to the coroners to come and inquire of any persone drowned or slaine by misadventure the coroner shall diligently do his offyce wythout any thynge taking therfore vpon peyne of euery coroner that wyll not ender hym to do hys offyce or y taketh any thing for doing his office vpon any person dead by mysaduentur. xl. s. Anno. i. henrici viii. capitulo vii.

**I**n case of mansdeath within the vierge, it shal be commaunded to the coroner



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coroner of the countrey that he togyther with the coroner of the kynnges houle do make the enqwyre, and enrolle it And that which can not be Determined before the Steward by cause the felons be not attached, or for other lyke cause shall remayne at the comon lawe so that the exigētes vilagaries and presentmentes ther of be made in Eyre by the corouer of the countrey, as of the other felonies Done out of the vierge Articles vpon the chaters capitulo secundo,

**C** No coroner Shyryffe nor other offyce shal take ought for hys offycer and yf he do he shall restore twyse so much Westminster. i. ca. xxviii. But the statute of. Hen. vii. gyuethe to the coroner a marke of euery murder.

**A**lso it was sayd by the Justicers In sexto Richardi secundi, that the coroner hath no power to enquire of mannes deathe, but onely vppon

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biewe of the bodye and yf he do it is frustrat and voyd. And yf one Coroner enquire vpon the biewe of the body and after another Coroner wil come and inquire therof againe this seconde enquire is voyd for the fyrst enquire is ouely of recorde.

If one become a prououre before the Coroner he shal not after ward be admitted to saye that he did commit y<sup>e</sup> acte by duressse of imprisonment, for the record of the Coroner shal estop to him plede that.

**I**f any wil sue appeale of roberie or larcenie, he must come into the ful county within the yeaere and the day after the felony don and must fynde two pledges to folow his sut and y<sup>e</sup> coroner shal enter his appeale immediately in his rol and the names of the pledges, and then shal it be comaunded to the bailiffes of the place wher at that haue the bodye at the nexte countye.

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county and yf he retourne at the second countie (Non est inuentus) the shal the appeale be called from county to county vntil he be outlawed and yf the playntyfe make default at any county then shal the exigente cease vntil the Eyre of the Justicers in the same county and the playntyfe shall lea se his accyon after aparaunce for euer wherby it apereth that after y yeare & day a man shall not haue appeale of felonye and to this poynt agreeth Breton in his fyrst boke.

¶ The Coroner must recorde his ewe, abiuration appeales, accusations of theues made before him and so must he do of al thynges that belonge vnto his office to be done & the non suites of plaintiffes in appeales he muste recorde wyth all thynges done in the county whiche belonge vnto his office, also ye shal note that appeales shalbe made in the courtes

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of any lord that hath fraunchise of In  
fangthes in presence of þe Coroner. &c.

¶ A presentment was sent into the  
kynges bench by, a Coronerscompti  
sing how a certayn person taken for  
felonye was conueyed vnto the chur  
che by certayne freers &c. And by  
cause the coroner hadde no power to  
take such an indytement a writ was  
dyrected to the same Coroner to cer  
tyfy whether he had any other presēt  
ment or not. Anno. xxvii. Edwardi.  
iii. Libro assisarum.

¶ An aduentur of the death of a mā  
was presēted before Justices in eyre  
and bycause the same was not foun  
den in the Coroners rolle, the Coro  
ner was awarded to prison. The co  
roners fee in Eyre, is to haue apenny  
of euerý venue when they shal come

¶ Note that a presentment made be  
fore Justycers in Eyre of a thyng,  
which is cōtrary to þe that is entred

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In the Coroners rolle, shalbe taken as voide, and the coroners rolle shall be taken for the recorde.

**T**he Coroner shall enquire of the death of mē slaine, or drowned in the armes or creekes of the sea wher the land may be seene of eyther side but nowe by the statute made. Anno. xiii. Richardi secundi capitu. v. and confirmed Anno. ii. Henrici. iiii. Capitulo xi, the admiral hath no iurisdiction but onely vpon the hyghe sea wherby it appeareth that the coroner hath iurisdiction ther to enquire of mannes death.

**A** coroner may take an appeale of felonye made by an appoyour in any county of England and so may he do of an abiuration in case that he confesse the felonye to be don in an other county. And the coroner may adiuue him aswel vpon that as yf the felony had ben don within the same

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county But he can not taken any ap-  
pealle of robberye or felonye onlesse  
it be within the same countye wher  
the robberye or felonye was commit-  
ted and wher he is Coroner for by h  
confessio or appechment he is attain-  
ted and so is he not in the other cause

**C**One that becometh a prouour be-  
for Justycers shall not haue a Coro-  
ner except he wyll confesse the felonye  
before them and pray a Coroner. C.  
xxvi, Edwardi iii.

**C**And if one be come aprouour and  
appeal other of diuers felonyes don  
in other countyes, in thys case the  
Coroner ca not make profe therupō  
in to any foreyne county but he shall  
enter it into his role and shall send h  
same presentment before the Justy-  
cers of gayle deliuary and the Justy-  
cers of gayle deliuary shal a warde  
processe to the Shyreffe of the for-  
eyne county for to take him that is  
so

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so appealed.

¶ Thus ye must vnderstaunde that  
yf any Shyryffes Baylyffes Esche-  
tours constables or Coroners take  
ought for doyng theyr offyces other  
wyse then to them islymitted by the  
statutes before declared that the such  
taking is extorcion which is punisha-  
ble at the king's pleasure as appereth  
by the statutes before writte and by  
the statute mad an.i. H.iii. Capi. xi,  
wherby it appeareth that Shyryffs  
and theyr ministers bailiffes & their  
mynisters, Escheatours and theyr  
mynisters, Coroners and theyr my-  
nisters, are bound to serue al precept  
to them directed from the Justicers  
of peace wythout takynge ought of  
any party And if a precept be dy-  
rected to the Shyryffe, or any other  
the kinges offycer to compell any to  
appeare before the Justycers to find  
suerty of h peace, if the party against  
k.b. whom

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tohome any such precepte is dyrec-  
ted) be redy to come before the sayde  
Justyces to finde suerty of the peace  
they shall take nothing of hym. And  
in lyke maner must they serue all pro-  
tesses that come to the dyrected out  
of the kings benche the comon place  
the Escheaker or the Chauncery  
without taking ought therfore  
but only the fees expressed in  
the Estatutes before wyrt-  
ten. And if they take  
any other fees it is  
playne extor-  
cion.

**Calpyse declaracion con-  
cernyng the extorcions  
of ordinaries per-  
sons Vicars, and  
Curates**

**Concer**



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ONCE R NYNG E  
ordinares, ye shall vn-  
derstand that it is orde-  
ned by an estatut made  
in y on a twenty yere

of kyng Henry the eyght that no or-  
dynarye shal take any thyng for the  
probate of the testament of such a per-  
son whose goodes amount not aboue  
the summe of a hundred shyllinges  
except to the Scribe. vi. d. only. And  
of goodes aboue the value of a hun-  
dred shyllinges vnto forty pounde  
iii. s. vi. d. And the Scribe to haue  
twelve pence of the same summe, and  
for y probate of a testament of goods  
aboue the value of forty pound fyue  
shyllinges wherof the scribe to haue  
two shyllinges and fyve pence or for  
euery line being ten inches in length  
one peny any such lyke summes for  
letters of administracion wher such  
persōs dye in testate & the testament  
of

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to be registred and delyuered to the party without delaye and letters of administracion to be grantned to the wyfe or next of the bloude of the party deceased or to both And for the probat of a testament or letter of admynystracyon of good vnder the summe of a hundreth shyllinges, the Ordinary shal take nothing. More ouer it is the office of the ordinary to deface the scale of y testatour (where with the testamēt was sealed) and to delyuer it agayne to the party. And yf the ordinary take any more then afoze is lymitted he shal forsayte so muche as he taketh and ten pounds more besydes that wherof the moytie shalbe to the party greued

**E** If the ordinary cyte anye person to appere in a spirituall courte to depose in any matter ther as a wytnes that is extorcion and wronge to the party.

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**E**f any Ordynary Person, or Vicar take any mortuary after the deth of any person which had not in good to the value of ten markes that is extortion, and lyke wyse it is wher they take a mortuary in such places wher it hath not bene accustomed to paye mortuaries. And euen so it is where a Person or Vicar taketh more then iii. s. and, iiii. d. in the name of a mortuarye yf the gooddes amounte aboue ten Markes and vnder the value of xxx. li. for that is extortion. Also yf he take more then vi. s. viii. d. for a mortuary wher the gooddes be aboue the value of xx. li. and vnder the summe of forty pound the dettes payed that is extortion.

**E**And if they take of theym whose gooddes amount to xl li. aboue the dettes payed more then x. shyllinges for a mortuary that is extortion.

**E**And if he take any morturage for  
a woman

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awoman inaried oz one that is with  
in age, oz for a man that kepethe no  
house it is extorcion.

And yf any mortuari be taken in  
Wales it is extorcio, except Bilhop  
pes that shal take mortuaries therof  
prestes, & curates and the archdeco  
of Chester shal take mortuaries of  
prestes within the county of chester.

And whosoever taketh for a mor-  
tuary more the he ought shal forsayt  
asynuche in value as he taketh, and  
forty shillinges besides that to  
the partye greued an. xxi.

henri octau cap vi.

and this haue I

thought suffi

cient to de

clare

unto you concerning the Extorcions  
of ordynaries Persons,

Vicars and curates,

F I N I S

**C** Impzynted  
at London in Fletestrete  
nere to Saynte Dun  
stones Churche  
by Thomas  
Marche